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The sounds of spring

MORGAN MCLOUGHLIN,
15, right, performs his solo
with the award-winning
Albany High School Jazz
Band during the second
annual Albany Art and Music
Festival at Memorial Park on
Sunday. The crowd, at left,
also watched intently as the
Easy Bay Improv group
performed. The Albany
Community Foundation and Community Foundation and the city's arts committee sponsored the event.

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ington's Lukas Roots earned four awards solution to the 'Traveling Salesman Problem'

By Shirley Dang

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Kim Roots, Lucas Roots' father, recalling an instance at an arcade in Germany during a family vacation.

Math teacher Jolanta Walukiewicz handed him the fourth edition of "Excursions in Modern Mathematics," a college-level book, as a summertime diversion.

"I told him, there is this interesting book," Walukiewicz said. "Maybe you can read it."

Lukas instantly began to go about solving some of the problems posed but took to one in particular: The Traveling Salesman question asks how to most efficiently plan multiple trips across the nation.

"What caught my attention was it was an unsolved problem," Lukas said. "I thought I might as well try this."

For nine months, he slaved away, even carting the book to Germany for summer vacation, said his father Kim Roots. In the city of Moers, Lukas arrived at an arcade to play the fantasy card game



BAY AREA SCIENCE FAIR grand prize winner and El Cerrito High junior Lukas Roots, 16, thumbs through his project summary on campus in El Cerrito last month. Roots solved the age-old math conundrum known as the "Traveling Salesman Problem" by hand.

conundrum known as the "Travelin Magic. Out came the graph paper. "Here we were in a place where you expect to socialize," his father recalled. "He pulls out a book, and he starts working on an algorithm."

The Roots family is no stranger to math. Lukas' grandfather William Roots served as chairman of the electrical engineering department at Windsor University in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He also penned the book "The Fundamentals of Temperature Control."

Lukas clearly remembers when he was 6 years old how his father, an after-school teacher and tennis instructor, taught him the Fibonacci sequence.

ing Salesman Problem" by hand.

"It's just a simple pattern, but it appears in nature," Lukas said. For instance, daisies often grow leaves that match a Fibonacci number such as 55 or 34.

"That's kind of interesting." For Lukas, the magic number seems to be 16 (not a Fibonacci number). It's Lukas' age, but also the number of drafts he went through before reaching his prize-winning solution (he keeps the pen and pencil calculations in a folder titled, "The Many Stages of My Algorithm.")
"It just suddenly came to me," Lukas said.

See ROOTS, Page A9

City to study development of waterfront

■ Council votes to review five plans for land if owner will pay for the process

By Alan Lopez

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STAFF WRITER

The Albany City Council agreed to proceed with a more limited planning process that it may greed to proceed with a more limited planning process that it may fixed planning process that it may fixed planning process that it may fixed planning process would explore waterfort, but it remains unclear what shape that process will take.

The council approved a resolution calling for the city to examine five visions for the waterfront if the landowner agrees to pay for the process, which is estimated to cost as much as \$1 million, and a coalition of environmental groups that it may feel alanning consultant using resident feedback for development from vitin 600 feet of the waterfort to place a waterfront initiative, would block development from within 600 feet of the water "I don't want those to get dumped if the rest of the planning process doesn't go anywhere," Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said after the meeting. Magna Entertainment Corp, the owner of the Golden Gate Fields racetrack, is currently working with Southern California developer

Caruso Affiliated on a plan to build housing and a retail center on underused parking lots at the track. If the city can't reach an agreement with Magna and the environmental groups, the council agreed to proceed with a more limited planning process that it may fund through a bond measure. That process would explore two alternatives for the land: one scenario prepared by city staff and a planning consultant using resident feedback for development and assuming the track remains for 10 years; the other plan, as envisioned by the environmental initiative, would block development from within 600 feet of the water. "I don't want those to get dumped if the rest of the planning process doesn't go anywhere," Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said after the meeting. "The whole thing certainly has merit but those two are crucial."

Resident students waitlisted at Hilltop

■ Newly renovated school sees registration up by 40 students; 11 students who live within its boundaries may have to go elsewhere

By Alan Lopez

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WHITER
Several children living within the attendance boundaries of Kensington Hilltop Elementary School are not guaranteed a desk next year following an increase in the number of students attending the recently renovated facility.
After several years of steady enrollment, the school will see an increase of about 40 students in the 2006-2007 school year, Principal Jon Stokes said.
That has forced the school to

stop accepting transfer students, and for the first time in recent memory place children living within the attendance boundaries on a waiting list.

"We're getting more people than the school can actually hold," Stokes said.

There are 38 students on the waiting list, 11 of whom live within the school boundaries.

Kensington had 498 students this year. Next year, it's projecting 537.

Stokes said the increase is due in part to more parents living within the school district's boundaries who are sending their kindergartners there. And fewer parents are taking their students out of the fourth through sixth grades.

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Albany official fined by state

By Alan Lopez

By Alan Lopez'
STAFF WRITER

The Fair Political Practices
Commission has fined Albany
City Councilman Robert Good
\$5,000 for two votes he cast regarding improvements at Memorial Park.

At an April meeting, the commission ruled that Good voted
twice on park issues in which he
had a financial interest. In both
cases, Good joined unanimous
votes by the council.

"Namely, he voted on matters
related to improvements to a
park that is directly across the
street and within 500 feet from
his personal residence," according to an FPPC report.

On Oct. 17, when he was
mayor, Good voted for nine improvements at Memorial Park at
a total cost of \$1,208,426.

He voted on the improvements despite the city attorney
warning him against it. After
that, he recused himself from all
Memorial Park votes.
"It's my error, and I meant no
harm," he said Monday.

The FPPC says Good first violated state law in November
2004, when he voted on the
city's capital improvement plan.



financial interest.

That proposal included a renovation of the north side of Memorial Park, infrastructure upgrades, landscaping, and repairs to park equipment. The FPPC concluded that the violations justified a \$5,000 fine, though they carried a maximum penalty of \$10,000.

The commission said that Good's 11 years on the council should have alerted him to the conflict of interest. Also, since the decisions took place nearly a year apart, he had plenty of time to seek advice.

"As respondent's real property interest was across the street from Memorial Park," the commission said, "the conflict of interest in participating in the matters was obvious."

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At the Library



Martin Snapp

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Artists sought for Ocean View sculpture

The Albany Arts Committee is seeking artists to create a sculpture at the entrance of Ocean View Park.

The sculpture should identify Ocean View Park, and incorporate the past or present geographical or environmental character of the park. The sculpture can also be an image that represents the whole city.

The committee is accepting applications until Aug. 1, with proposals from finalists due by Nov. 10. More information is available online at www.albanyca.org/gov/parkart.html.

In the meantime, the committee will review its call for artists for Memorial and Terrace parks, and discuss the process for selecting the artists and artwork at its next meeting. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the community center, 1249 Marin Ave. For more information, call Nan Wishner at 510-524-5185.

Residents invited for coffee with mayor

Albany residents are invited to have coffee with Mayor Allan Maris and discuss local issues from 8.30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Pri Pri Cafe, 1309 Solano Ave. There is space for eight to 10 people. Call 510-526-7032.

Meeting to discuss Cougar Field lighting

Residents can have their say on a plan to build lighting at Cougar Field at a meeting from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the Albany Middle School gym, 1259 Brighton Ave.

The Albany school district will also accept comments on the plan in writing through May 29. Comments should be addressed school district Superintendent Willie Wong, 904 Talbot Ave., Albany 94706.

Dany 94/06.

The school district is conducting a "scoping session" about the environmental effects that should be evaluated when it prepares an environmental impact report for the plan.

The school district wants to construct a new synthetic field and night lighting at the field, which is located north of Albany Middle School in Albany with an adjacent field in El Cerrito.

Call 510-558-3766 for more information

City seeking grant proposals

Albany is seeking grant proposals from nonprofit organiza-tions, local public agencies, individuals, or other organizations for programs that enrich life in Albany and further the city's goals.

The total amount available is \$2,500. Call Eileen Harrington at 510-528-5710 for an application or e-mail cityhall@albanyca.org. The deadline for applications is May 19.

El Cerrito

City looks to expand eminent domain powers

The El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency wants to extend its power eminent domain for 12 more years.

The Ex Certino Redevelopment Agency wants to extend its power of eminent domain for 12 more years.

At its Monday meeting, the City Council, acting as the agency loard, agreed to spend \$25,000 to study a possible amendment to he agency's redevelopment plan.

The study will include a draft amendment that will go in July lefore the Planning Commission and agency board in a joint meeting, Redevelopment Manager Lori Trevino said.

The agency in August could approve the amendment, which would likely go into effect in October. It would extend eminent donain powers until 2018.

Eminent domain would apply to commercial properties located within the redevelopment area — primarily on San Pablo Avenue and around the city's two BART stations.

It would also apply to about a dozen residences on the "Easthore Triangle" between San Pablo and Potrero avenues and Easthore Boulevard.

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Eminent domain is the power of government agencies to take vate property for public use in exchange for "just compensan." Eminent domain can occur even if the owner does not wish

Kensington

Police to post crime reports online

The Kensington police and community services district will launch a Web site with a police log around the middle of the month, Po-lice Chief Barry Garfield said.

lice Chief Barry Garfield said.

The department plans to create the Web site at www.kensing-tonpolicesdo org to provide more information to residents, some of whom were shaken by two armed robberies in February and March that occurred in front of people's homes.

At the Kensington Property Owners Association's Town Hall meeting Saturday, Garfield stressed that residents needed to be aware of their surroundings to avoid being a victim. If something is suspicious, residents can call Kensington police at 510-526-4141.

While Kensington has a low crime rate, the department, which employs 10 people, is also small. Garfield said he's personally been patrolling in a marked police car more often because of recent department vacancies.

For more information, the Web site will include a weekly police log, monthly crime statistics and contact numbers for the depart-

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District revamps its discipline policies

offers free tutoring to West Contra Costa students who were improperly penalized

By Shirley Dang

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STAFF WRITER

For years, the West Contra
Costa school district dealt with
poorly behaving students by shipping them from school to school,
often against their will.

Administrators scheduled disciplinary hearings that were
weeks in the future, refusing children entry to classrooms until the
appointment date, according to
a lawsuit filed last year.

As a result, some students
missed six weeks of class—
much longer than the five consecutive days and 20 days a year
maximum outlined in state Education Code.

Five students and their parents who sued over the district's
discipline policy last year recently
settled. If no settlement had been
reached, the case would have
gone to trial this week. As part
of the agreement, students found

to have been wrongly penalized will have improper suspensions cleared from their records. They may also receive free tutoring to make up for missed class.
"It definitely gives students much greater protection," said Oren Sellstrom, lawyer for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Under the settlement terms the district denies any wrongdoing, but it overhauled its discipline policy in October. Assistant Superintendent Sylvester Greenwood, who oversees student discipline, said he believes that transferring students to new campuses offered them a fresh start — and a better alternative to expulsion.

"I still stick by that," said Greenwood, who is retiring at the end of the school year. "I did what I thought was best."

The old discipline policy allowed the district to reassign students to a new school or put them on probation for a semester to a year "if it solved an extreme personal relations problem."

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pre-expulsion." During that me, the district could move the tudent to another campus thile awaiting an expulsion

Lawyers argued that these policies violated parents' right to choose a school for their children and did not follow the state law governing expulsion hearings. In some cases, the district gave families no notice of the meetings or their right to have witnesses and advocates, according to the complaint.

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As a result, the district vio-lated state law by keeping stu-dents out of class for an exces-sive amount of time, the suit

sive amount of time, the suit said.

A third-grader missed nearly six weeks of school after being removed from Bayview Elementary School in September 2004, according to the complaint. A student originally at Pinole Valley High was transferred to DeAnza but missed 21 days of school in the process.

A 7-year-old girl accused of sexual assault missed school on and off from September 2003 to February 2004, according to the complaint.

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EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, April 25

■ HOME BURGLARY — Property worth \$5,000 was taken from a hor on the 1600 block of Norvell Street sometime between 3:05 p.m. and

Wednesday, April 26

■ TRANSLATOR STOLEN — A man stole an electronic Chinese translator from a business on the 10300 block of San Pablo Avenue at around 11:10 a.m. The man fled the business after he was confronted by an employee.

The man had pried open a locked cabinet, police said.

■ BRIEFCASE TAKEN — A windor was smashed and a briefcase was taken from a vehicle on the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue sometin between 8 p.m. on April 26 and 10

■ VEHICLE BURGLARY — Th stereo was taken from a vehicle on the 6500 block of Schmidt Lane sometime between 10 p.m. on April 26 and 8:30 a.m. the next day. In ad dition, the right front window was smashed, police said.

Thursday, April 27

■ STEREO TAKEN — The stereo was taken from a vehicle on the 1300 block of Lawrence Street sometime between 8 p.m. on April 27 and 6:50 a.m. the next day.

■ CIVIC STOLEN — A Honda Civic was taken from El Cerrito Plaza sometime between 8:30 and 9:20

■ PROPERTY TAKEN — Compact discs and a checkbook were taken

from a vehicle on the 170 Liberty Street sometime to 5:30 p.m. on April 30 and the next day. Someone fo the front passenger door,

Monday, May

TRUNK BURGLARIZED erty worth \$441 was taken! trunk of a vehicle on the 80 Lawrence Street sometime! 7:30 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, April 25

■ AUTO BREAK-IN — An El Sobrante woman reported that betw 5:45 and 6 p.m. someone smash the window of her black 2003 Hor the window of her black 2003 Honda Accord while it was parked in the lot of a business on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue and stola items

■ DISORDERLY CONDUCT — At about 1:30 a.m., officers arrested a 49-year-old Concord man near San Pablo and Marin avenues for resisting or obstructing an officer.

■ TOYOTA NOT STOLEN — At

■ HOME BREAK-IN — A resident on the 500 block of Curtis Street re-ported that someone had pulled back a window screen in order to break into her home. She was unsure whether someone was still inside, and waited for officers to check it out for her.

■ PRESCRIPTIONS STOLEN meone stole empty prescription ttles from a trash can on the 900 ock of Solano Avenue and at-mpted to use them to obtain refill ascriptions from a local pharmacy

Wednesday, April 26

■ AUTO BREAK-IN — During the night, someone broke into a white 1992 Jeep Cherokee parked near Dartmouth Street and Cornell Aver

AUTO BREAK-IN — At about 8 p.m., an Albany woman reported that someone had smashed the rear hatchback window of her black 2000 Volvo wagon while it was parked at the dead end of Buchanan Street within the previous 30 minutes. There

Thursday, April 27

■ DUI — At about 12:30 a.m. office arrested a 52-year-old Albany wome driving a white 1991 Ford Mustang near San Pablo Avenue and Delawa Street for DUI.

■ DUI — Offices arrested a 28-year-old Oakland woman for DUI while sh-was driving a burgundy 1990 Toyota 4-runner on the 1000 block of Solano ■ MERCEDES STOLEN — During

the night, someone stole a green 2000 Mercedes that was parked on the 1000 block of Neilson Street. There were no witnesses.

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RETAL THIEF — At about 10:45 a.m., a man attempted to steal two satellite radio kits from a business on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. The suspect was described as a black adult, 30 to 40 years old, about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, using a walking cane, wearing a large dark green heavy jacket and dark parts He was last seen departing south on San Pablo Avenue, and was gone when officers arrived.

officers arrived.

CREDIT CARDS STOLEN — At about 4 p.m. an Orinda man reported that about 30 minutes prior he had parked his 1992 Pontiac Sunbird convertible at the Albany landfill. Someone broke into the glove box, opened the trunk, and stole his wife's purse. He called back a few minutes later to report that he had been advised that someone was attempting to use his wife's credit card at a Target in Pinole. Officers took the report.

AUTO BREAK-IN — Someone

AUTO BREAK-IN — Someone broke into a green Honda Accord parked at the Target on the 1000 block of Eastshore, near the loading dock area. They stole items from inside, and it appeared that they also tried to steal the car.

■ HOME BREAK-IN — Someone broke into a residence on the 500

Friday, April 28

■ DRUG POSSESSION — At abo 3 a.m. officers arrested a 64-year-o Berkeley man driving a gray Pontia on Marin Avenue near The Alamed for two counts of drug possession.

PETTY THEFT — During the evening, someone stole a floor machine from the Safeway on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. There were

mLEXUS STOLEN — Between 11:30
a.m. and 12:30 p.m., someone stole
a gold 2004 Lexus that was parked
on the 900 block of Curtis Street.
There were no witnesses.

■ OUTSTANDING WARRANT — At about 5:30 p.m. officers arrested 30-year-old Berkeley man near Sonoma and Peralta avenues for outstanding Santa Cruz warrant f drug possession and DUI in the amount of \$10,000.

Saturday, April 29

■ DUI — Officers arrested a 20-year-old Berkeley man driving a 2002 Chevrolet Impala near Marin and San Pablo avenues for DUI.

■ AUTO BREAK-IN — An Oakland woman reported that someone broke

Sunday, April

■ TRIPLE ARREST

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OF THE WEEK





MARTIN SNAPP

"That may sound phony, but it's true. I'll tailor the language to their learning level, but that's not the same thing."

Every kid loves puppets, but a few get absolutely hooked and decide to become pupeteers themselves when they grow up. Mahlmann has always taken them under his wing and taught them everything he could.

One of them was a 10-year-old boy named Randal Metz, who shyly knocked on the door of the Puppet Theater one day in 1970. And except for a couple of stints studying with the Muppets, he's been there ever since.

Two years ago, he succeeded Mahlmann as Puppet Director. Mahlmann pays him the ultimate compliment: "He loves puppetry as deeply as I do."

The Puppet Theater is observing its 50th anniversary this month. To celebrate, Fairyland is building a new stage that, if not quite state-of-theart, is still a lot better than te old one.

"They've built a ceiling over

art, is still a lot better than the old one.

"They've built a ceiling over the stage, so now I have a grid I can fly the scenery from," says Mahlmann. "I've always wanted to have that."

Everyone at Fairyland wanted to name the new stage after Mahlmann. But, ever modest, he vetoed the idea.

"That would be too egotistical," he says. "I think 'Children's Fairyland Storybook Puppet Theater' is a fine name."

The late poet Randall Jarrell wrote, "One of the most obvious facts about grown-ups, to a child, is that they have forgotten what it is like to be a child."

Not Mahlmann or Metz.

Not Mahlmann or Metz "When I'm around children I find them very dear, and I feel so responsible for what's happening to them," says Mahlmann. "They're like my own children."

KELEY — The following is may be available for on at the Berkeley-East imane Society.

at the Berkeley-East ane Society. 4/4-month-old tricolor mix, 6-month-old fe-ite and brown border x, 6-month old female th white chest border t-lyear-old female am-mbrown American pit x, 2-year-old male black wn Chihuahua mix; 3-female tricolor Aus-phend mix; 9-year-old nountain dog.

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60 gardens featured on tour

FACES & PLACES

Nine El Cerrito gardens, including Canyon Trail Park and Cerrito Creek at El Cerrito Plaza, will be part of the Bringing Back the Natives Garden tour on Sunday. The self-guided tour will feature 60 gardens that are bird-and-butterfly friendly, pesticide-free, water-conserving and low maintenance. The gardens will contain 30 percent or more native plants.

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In El Cerrito, participating gardens will include those of Michael Graf, Keith Hamby, Sue and Julio Kaplan, John Latto, Debra Shushan and Joshua and Allison Tomlinson.

Attendees will receive passes to the gardens and a printed garden guide, Garden talks will be scheduled throughout the day, and native plants will be sold. More than a dozen cities are participating.

More than a gozen ticipating.
Participants should register at www.bringingbackthenatives.net.
Volunteers are also needed. For more information, e-mail more information, e-r Kathy@kathykramerconsult ing.net or call 510-236-9558

CHALK ART FESTIVAL: This year's chocolate and chalk art festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 on Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany. There will be a chalk art



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, singing storyteller Dale Allen Boland gets a roaring laugh out of best friends Elisabeth Easton, 3, and Marlee Smith, 4, while reciting "Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly" during a weekly singalong at the Albany Library on April 26.

contest and chocolate sampling from local businesses.

The Solano Avenue Association is sponsoring the event. For more information, call 510-527-5358 or go online at www.solanoave.org. If it rains, the festival will be postponed until June 3.

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE: El Cerrito will hold a public works open house from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24. The fourth annual event will include food, a raffle and merchandise certificates.

There will be equipment displays, demonstrations and information tables. The Stege Sanitary District is co-sponsoring the event, which is coinciding with public works week, May 21-27.

GARDENING WORKSHOP:

A Bay-friendly gardening workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. The workshop will teach people how to keep their garden healthy and toxic-free with composting and natural pest control. Some participants will be eligible to win free compost bins. Call the West County Waste Authority at 510-215-3021 to sign up or for more information.

— Alan Lopez

TASTE OF EL CERRITO: This year's Taste of El Cerrito will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday at the city community

center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

They can be purchased at the chamber office, 10848 San Pablo Ave., or by calling 510-233-7040.

The event will include samples from local restaurants, wine tasting and a silent auction.

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• Help! Two days ago I started out to run an errand, and at the first corner, at which I do NOT have a stop sign, I was almost taken out by another car that DOES have a stop sign, but which didn't even slow down or look to see if anyone else was coming. Would you please write again about our poor driving conditions? What can we do?

A: How well I hear you! Most of us have been in similar situations, and scary they are indeed! As for what we can do —I know of only one thing to try, and that is defensive driving.

We cannot pass our own law banning talking on the telephone while driving. We cannot hire the thousands of extra police to watch for and cite speeders and other lawbreakers. Therefore, our best defense against damage and injury is to be sure to obey all laws, and to be on the alert for all those wackos zooming around on our streets and highways. Once again, I can't say enough about that most important "Mind Works" component: Awareness. Certainly a large part of the problem involves driving over the speed limit. This occurs everywhere. On a very quiet, narrow street such as where I live, cars roar along well above a speed at which they should be, and on the rare occasion when I drive on the freeway (I



CONNIE LYNCH

try to avoid it whenever possible), most of the other vehicles whiz by my 65-mph speed as if I were parked by the roadside. Occasionally, one sees that a highway patrol car has pulled someone to the side, but that is certainly not very often.

On smaller roads, and especially those that are a bit narrow, so many cars are driven over the centerline. On occasion, it is essential to stop behind a parked car and wait for the infringer, but again, better that than to be involved in a collision.

By obeying driving laws, we can force some other drivers to obey them as well. For example, if someone is following you when you reach a stop sign, be sure to come to a complete stop — as you should in any case. The driver behind you will also be forced to stop.

The same is true for speed limits on roads that make pass-

speed limit, the follower will be forced to obey also. There is a potential problem in that situation, however. Sometimes the next car follows so closely that if there should be an emergency that forces you to stop suddenly — such as an animal running across the road — your follower would almost certainly hit your car. On some occasions, I pull off the side of the road and let the speed demon go ahead of me.

Unfortunately, I fear that there is essentially nothing really effective that we can do. Safety is our most important consideration. Never assume another driver is going to stop just because a sign says he should, or that he will obey any other law. Let's just take the best possible care of ourselves and keep ourselves safe.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should be a government without newspapers, or newspaper without a government, I should not hesitate a monto prefer the latter."

Hmm...

EDITORIAL

A vital appointment for local schools

T IS NO SECRET THAT THE West Contra Costa Unified School District has had some troubled times. Lots of troubled times. But the school board that runs the district hopes that it has found the person who can lead a turnaround of the system.

After an eight-month national search the school board last week hired Bruce Harter to be its new superintendent. Harter has been the superintendent in Claymont, Del., for the past four years.

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By all accounts Harter is an experienced superintendent who has been in charge of school systems in three states for the past 14 years.

He will need to draw on that experience to help elevate the West Contra Costa district. One of the key factors in Harter's selection is that he has had experience managing school construction.

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The West Contra Costa district is in the middle of renovating nearly 40 campuses with nearly \$1 billion worth of voter-approved bond money.

No doubt that construction will be a major focus for Harter, but he must also focus on improving classroom

No doubt that construction will be a major focus for Harter, but he must also focus on improving classroom achievement.

That achievement has been improving over the last five years under the leadership of Gloria Johnston, but there remains much to be done.

At least five schools in the district have repeatedly failed to meet federal standards and now face consequences because of that failure, while the district's dropout rate is nearly 25 percent.

But Harter seems to understand just what he is getting into. He said that his primary focus will be on the classroom, particularly in improving the education for students of color. He made a critical point about the job of a superintendent and a school district.

"It isn't just about getting kids up to minimum standards," Harter told Journal reporter Shirley Dang. "It's about taking them as far as they can go."

We could not agree more.

It is exactly the point. If the school system is able to accomplish that goal in any meaningful way, it not only will improve the quality of life for that student but for the entire community.

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The West Contra Costa school district stretches from El Cerrito to Hercules, and each community in it has a vital stake in the improvement of the schools.

Harter's background suggests that he is a challenge-driven person who gets things done and does so through engaging the community.

That is exactly what is needed in this school system. It appears that the school board may have found the right person at the right time. We wish him well and stand ready to help in any way we can.

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510-528-5760

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Caruso's propaganda campaign

As an Albany resident, I have received more than one letter from Caruso Affiliated asking what kind of development I'd like to see on the Albany waterfront.

These letters imply that Caruso is here to help me realize my vision for the Albany shoreline, and they promise open space, breathtaking views and coastal restoration. In more honest times, such letters were called propaganda.

Caruso's primary responsibility is not to me. Nor is it to any other resident of Albany. It is to Magna Corp., a \$13 billion Canadian corporation that owns Golden Gate Fields and has hired Caruso to produce a development along the Albany waterfront that will mean big profits for Magna.

So what kind of development would be most profitable? A public park? Open space? Environmental restoration? An expanded beach front? Recreational opportunities for all? Not exactly.

A mega-mall and casino on Albany's shoreline are sure to mean big profits for Magna, so this is what we can expect if we give Caruso a green light. And while Caruso's current proposal for a mall does not include plans for a casino, this is not because Magna has your best interests in mind.

Instead, this is because California voters recently rejected Proposition 68, which would have allowed for a casino at Golden Gate Fields. Prop. 68 was backed strongly by none other than Magna, to the tune of \$2 million.

But Magna will not be deterred. It continues to push for legislation that would allow racetrack casinos, and would like nothing more than to build one right her in Albany.

In short, Caruso must answer to Magna Corp., whose primary aim is to guarantee a return on its investment. And the profits will only roll in when visitors to the waterfront are spending money, be it on blackjack, a café latte, or a new pair of shoes.

One thing is for certain: If Caruso and Magna have their way, there will be no place at their "lifestyle center" for those of us who want to leave the credit card at home and simply enjoy the natural beauty of our waterfront.

Road closures worth consideration

As homeowners on the 500 block of Cornell Avenue in Albany, a block and a half from El Cerrito Plaza, we want to respond to letter writer Margaret Simpson (Journal, April 28) and others who question the reasons for considering closure of Cornell Avenue and several other Albany streets leading into the Plaza. We experience elevated traffic levels, with some drivers greatly exceeding the speed limit on what is a very narrow street. This impacts our neighborhood. As parents of a toddler, it is also a safety concern. With the middle school on Brighton Avenue, there are lots of school children in the area on a regular basis, as well.

These issues would be significantly exacerbated by the construction of a new residential complex in the Plaza.

We feel it is reasonable for those who must drive to the Plaza to use a thoroughfare such as San Pablo Avenue to

get there. We appreciate the City Council's efforts to study the road closures.

Sara Marcellino
Doug Johnson
Albany

Objectivity can we expect?

Anne Richards
Alba
Restriping Works

Initiative not feasible

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The initiative the Sierra Club and Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP) seeks to place on Albany's November ballot envisions an option for development of the waterfront that is not feasible in either practical or financial terms.

It calls for planning on property the city neither owns nor controls, and it requires a planning process that excludes the property owner. The groups believe the racetrack will go away, when Golden Gate Fields has repeatedly said (including, as recently as January, in a letter to the El Cerrito Democratic Club) that it's not leaving and that this track is profitable. Voters would be asked to vote on a plan that guarantees no benefits to Albany and hands control of Albany's waterfront indefinitely to the Sierra Club. The setbacks from the water line that the initiative requires would mean some type of narrow retail development only along the freeway and right next to Codornices Creek. Would any developer find this parcel viable for development?

This initiative adds no intelligent and viable options for improving our waterfront so that everyone in Albany can enjoy that space.

Suzanne Stroh Albany

Disheartening

I read the front-page article, "El Cerrito property owners reject landscaping fee," in the April 28 Journal.

How surprised I was that 3,768 of 8,798 ballots, that is 43 percent, were returned! The city even included a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the ballot mailer. It is so disheartening that 57 percent of property owners could not be bothered to participate in this election.

Get with it people, this is your government, too.

J. B. Stewart

What objectivity?

So we read that the Albany City Council may ask Rick Caruso to furnish \$900,000 to \$1,200,000 to fund an Environmental Impact Report for the development of the waterfront.

If Caruso is to be the city's paymaster and the principal interested party, what

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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Restriping works

Councilwoman Betty Olds we against the reconfiguration of Manna enue, but now that it has happened assays, "It's working much better the thought it would. The left turns certa solved a big problem" (Journal, April It is encouraging that she has learn from this experience, though her own

It is encouraging that she has from this experience, though her or is a bit frustrating to those of us wh read Dan Burden on "road diets" a knew all along that this sort of rescan accommodate fairly heavy tracause of the left-turn lanes.

Maybe the city, as a whole, he learned from this experience and to reconsider a similar restriping of mont Avenue. This restriping was prabout a decade ago, and it was stop neighbors who were afraid it would congestion. Now we know that it is speed and makes the street safer a it still works for automobile traffic.

Let's make Claremont Avenu for pedestrians and neighbors, as Avenue.

Charles

Vote to open library on Sundays

Sundays

Have you ever wondered to bany Library is closed on Sur Sunday is a day when the libe used by entire families to dents catching up on their toddlers perusing picture book ents relaxing with a new maga eign newspaper. Or maybe if searching that new car or nev the library's excellent reference or its free wireless Internet or Sunday hours have been the cause of one thing—n money. However, on June 6, ye, "yes" on Albany's Measure Genough funds to pay for our liopen for four hours ever throughout the year, starting September!

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Measure G also provides fund restore previous service cuts am port library services and collect In 1994, voters approved a ta 21.5 hours of library services p Currently, the annual library tax per parcel. But since 1994, usas Albany Library has increased 40 Last year, 18 hours of regular libhours per week had to be cut funding shortfall.

With increased costs throug Alameda County Library system may soon lose some of its counly and be forced to reduce services of The cost of Measure G? Just 8 per parcel. That's less than 50 week per household, if you compen Sundays. Or think of it this what two people pay to go to a Libraries level the playing fiel fer information and Internet accregardless of age or income. Rebary strong and let's start enjos Sunday!

I urge every Albany voter to go Measure G on June 6.

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brary.

That means I may be the person they talk about 30 years from now as they think back on their early library experiences. That fact was one of the first comments one of my daughters made when I took this job, since she has such strong and positive memories of the previous children's librarian. I take that idea seriously because I want the visit to be a lasting and happy memory, one that will draw them into any public library and inspire them to bring in their own children some day.

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own children some day.

But another memorable aspect of these visits is the thank you letters I receive from some of the classes. When these notes first started coming in, I was surprised and impressed. Having spent years overseeing my own children's thank you letters, I know the amount of work they can be for the adult involved. So when I received my first batch of thank you letters, I was not only awed by the beauty of the drawings and the heartfelt words, but the

parent part of me was happy to see these children being taught a skill that will serve them well all their lives.

The first ones this year came in a manila envelope with each letter of my name and address individually chosen and taped on — all different fonts and colors carefully arranged. Inside, each child had been given a sheet that started with "Dear Julie," and then there were lines for writing on and a spot to draw a picture of a favorite part of their library visit. It is amazing to have so many wonderful portraits of myself reading a book! The most recent group of letters are in a book, beautifully tied together at the top with two ribbons. The children had been given photocopied pages with the outline of an open book on them. On each side of this book was room to write a short letter, and then the whole page could be decorated. The compilation of these pages was addressed to the children's librarian assistant and to me, and each child had written a note to us.

I treasure all the thank you letters I receive from students — they carry the creativity and words of children who are lucky to have teachers devoted to giving them life lessons and the means to learn them.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@acli-

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many languages.

The library's teen movie program continues with a series of films by legendary anime director Hayao Miyazaki on the first Wednesday of the month. The following films are planned: June 7: "Kikii's Delivery Service"; July 5: "Spirited Away." This program is aimed at middle and high school students. All films are shown in the Edith Stone Room They start at 5 p.m. and finish by

7:15 p.m. at the latest. For informa-tion, visit the teen area at the Al-bany Library or contact Teen Ser-vices Librarian Julia Witwer at Ext. 20.

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Free drop-in homework help is available for students in third through fifth grades. The homework center is open Mondays and Thursdays (except county holidays), from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17 or e-mail jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org.

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Harding Elementary

Harding Elementary

HARDING OLYMPICS: The second annual Harding Olympics will be Wednesday, May 31. Sign-up sheets have gone home with students. Volunteers are needed to help solicit merchant prizes. If you can help, please contact Tara at Tara. Fauria@McKesson.com.

REGISTRATION: General registration at Harding will end today. General registration (first through sixth grade) for students who have never attended Harding ends at 2 p.m. Harding has a few openings in grade one, grade two, and grade three. For more information, call the Harding office at 510-231-1413.

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SCIENCE CONTEST: An Initial field 1,200 teams from 42 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin leannds competed in the nation's largest high school science contest last weekend. The Albary High School team was one of 65 remaining by Sunday afternoon. The team went on to roll over the competition through 13 more rounds, and finished Monday in the final 4 nation-wide.

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HYTHM BOUND CONCERT: Rhythm Bound will perform at Downtown restaurant, 2102 Shattuck Ave, in Berkeley, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Downtown requests that interested parties make a 7:15 reservation at 510-849-3810. Proceeds from the \$5 cover charge will go to the Albany Music Fund. And Ashkenaz will be the site of another Jazz Band/Rhythm Bound show on May 18. Doors open at 7:30, and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets, at \$10, will be available at the door, and will also be available from band members starting Sunday. Ashkenaz is at 1317 San Pablo Ave., near Gilman. Information is available at 510-525-5054 or ashkenaz.com. SERVICES FOR FORMER TEACHER: Laura Mori, who taught English at Albany High beginning in 1987 and retired several years ago, passed away in April after battling breast cancer for many years. Services have been set for Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. at Northbrac Church, 941 The Alameda (Solano and The Alameda) in Berkeley.

freeprins@sbcglobal.net.

SITE COUNCIL MEETING: The Albany
High School Site Council will hold a
special meeting on Wednesday, May
17, at 7 p.m. in the Albany High Ilbrary to discuss the results of the site
survey and begin defining spending
priorities with all potential funding
groups for the 2006-07 school year.
All Interested parties are invited to attend.

JAZZ PERFORMANCE: The Jazz

Albany Middle School

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7:30 p.m. at the Albany High School
Little Theater. Tickets are sold in the
school office for \$1.0.

7:30 p.m. at the Albany High School Little Theater. Tickets are sold in the school office for \$10.

TEACHER LUNCHEON: The teacher appreciation luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, May 11 in the staff room, will feature Japanese food and needs donations of Japanese appetizers (gyoza, tofu, edamame), salads (fruit salad, seaweed, cucumber or green salad with miso dressing, etc.) and Japanese main dishes such as sushi, teriyaki chicken and rice bowls. For dessert, brownies and cookies would be welcome. No soup or ice cream, please, if you would like to bring food, please contact Amy St. George at a saint@pacbeli.net. If you prefer to donate money, please make a check payable to AMS PTA and bring or mail it to the AMS office.

PUMPKIN FUND-RAISER: if you're interested in growing giant pumpkins this year, please e-mail Richard Trout at kalimintrout@comcast.net. You'll get free pumpkin seedlings and regular e-mail information on how to grow them. Last year, participants got pumpkins of 140 pounds and 120 pounds, and raised \$140 for the library.

TEACHER TREATS: Anyone interested

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TEACHER TREATS: Anyone interested in helping coordinate the teacher treats next year should contact Sheila at 510-524-1032 or Virginia at mck-

Cornell Elementary

OPEN HOUSE: On Thursday, May 25, Cornell, Marin and Ocean View schools will hold their annual Open House from 7 to 8 p.m. The Science Investigations Fair will be held in the multipurpose room from 6:30–8:30

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call 510-558-3700 or write a nde to
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nomination. An election will be held
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ASSEMBLY: The fifth grade Cornel
band assembly will be May 24. Tie
fourth grade band will perform
Wednesday, May 31 at 10 a.m. in he
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Marin Elementary

PIE PLATES NEEDED: Marin is look-ing for aluminum pie plates for one d its Marin de Mayo crafts tables. If you have any to spare, please let Adria-Ann McMurray know at aamcmur-

tion about family scholarships, see Ms. Rothschild.

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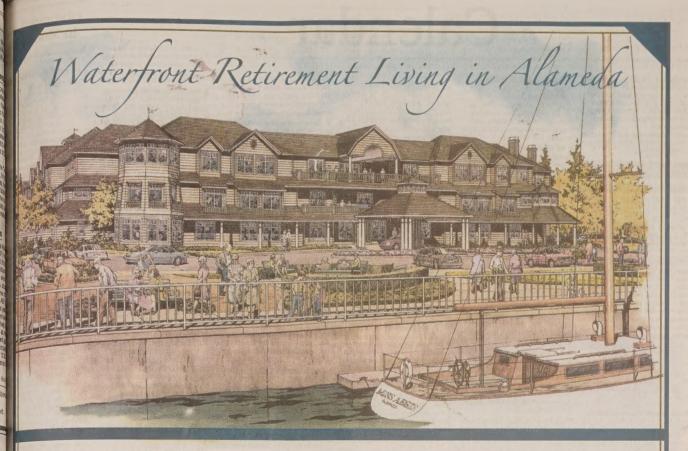
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■ Poll workers needed — At polling places in Alameda County for June 6 primary election. Poll workers must be eligible to register to vote in CA, have basic clerical skills. Stipend \$95-\$120. Training classes begin in May. Details: 510-272-8971.

begin in May. Details: 510-272-6871

Blood Drives— American Red
Cross. May 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 5th
Floor, Tilden Room, MLK Student
Union, UC Berkeley, Details: BeADonor.com (code UCB), 800-GIVELIFE. — May 8, 12:30-6:30 p.m.
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Piedmont Ave., Berkeley, Details:
BeADonor.com(code UCB), Lawson@haas.berkeley.edu.

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Retirement Celebration — For
Dr. Evelyn C. Wesley, president of
Merritt College; May 19, 6-11 p.m.;
Claremont Resort & Spa, Claremont
Ballroom, 44 Tunnel Road, Berkeley.
510-843-3000, claremontresort.com.
No host bar, evening attire. \$50.
RSVP by May 5. Details:
Terry/Berkeley City College 510-9812851, Wyman/District Office 510-4667296.

Hopalong Animal Rescue — May 6, 12-3 p.m., PetSmart, 1001 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley. Dogs available for adoption. — May 13, 20, 27; 12-3 p.m., Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley, Cats available for adoption. Details: hopalong.org, 510-267-1915.

Belghborhood Disaster Preparedness Event — May 6, Christ Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury Ave. El Cerrito. Exhibits, displays, demor strations, CERT trainers from El Cerrito Fire Department, retrofitting advice, entertainment, music, activities for children, free BBQ lunch. Details 510-524-1050.

Berkeley Historical Society —
Spring 2006 Walking Tours, 10 a.m.
12 p.m. May 6: Past and Promise
Along Santa Fe Right of Way. May
20: Sisterna Tract in West Berkeley:
A Small Chilean Ranch Transformed.
June 3: Lorin: Kindred Spirit or Conquest? June 10, 11 a.m., New
Berkeley City College Building. Cost:
\$8-\$10 each, \$30 for all tours. Reservations: make check payable to
Berkeley Historical Society, mail to
P.O. Box 1190, Berkeley, CA 94701.
betalls: cityofberkeley.info/histsoc/ or
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■ A Taste of El Cerrito — May 7, 5-9 p.m., El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Local restaurants showcase food special-ties. Silent auction fund-ralser bene-fits El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Business Scholarship Fund. Details: TasteofElCerrito.com.

■ Berkeley Heritage Spring House Tour — And Garden Reception, May

7, 1-5 p.m., Claremont Park, Berkeley, Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association's tour explores residential work of Walter H. Ratcliff Jr. Tournap, Illustrated guidebook, refreshments provided. Cost: \$25-\$35. Details: berkeleyheritage.com, baha@berkeleyheritage.com, 510-841-2242.

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Berkeley's Santa Fe Right-ofWay — Community meeting, May 8,
7-9 p.m., Berkeley Montessori
School, 1310 University Ave. Discuss
designs developed in a graduate design studio for Right-of-Way, including extended community orchards,
park development, farmer's market,
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screening. 11 a.m., UC Plant Pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe shows sildes
of bulbs & flowers. — May 16, 11
a.m., Phil Yocum will speak on Orientation Center for the Blind services. Video, Q&A. — May 23, 11
a.m., Marian Altman shows sildes
Cuba trip. May 30, TBA. Details: 510845-6830.

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Meet & Greet breakfast meeting,
May 10, 8-9 a.m., Rose Garden Inn,
2740 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Second Wednesdays monthly. Cost:
\$15-\$30. Details: 510-549-7003.

59th annual Hilltop Spring Car-nival — May 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Kensington Hilltop School, 90 High-land Blvd., Kensington. Games, prizes, lunch, baked goods, visit

from Kensington Police & Fire De-partments, quilt raffle. Proceeds ben-efit PTA & Dads' Club. Details: al-isonroberts@aol.com or wwgill335@comcast.net.

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Swing Into Spring — May 15,
6:30-10:30 p.m., downtown Restaurant, 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.
Narsai David hosts benefit for local nonprofit Central Works Theater Ensemble. Features live music with Jenna Mammina, Zadeli Music with Dave & Zoe Ellis; dinner, live & silen auctions. Cost: \$85/person, discounts for groups. Details: 510-558-1381, centralworks.org.

Barkeley Farmers' Markets.—

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■ Berkeley Farmers' Markets —
May 16, 2-7 p.m., Tuesday's market,
Derby Street & Martin Luther King Jr.
Way. Strawberry tasting, food samples & book signing with "Full Moon Feast" author Jessica Prentice. —
May 18, North Shattuck market,
Shattuck Avenue & Rose Street. 3:30 p.m., book signing with "Full Moon Feast" author Jessica Prentice. 4
p.m., "Shopping with the Chef." —
May 20, Saturday Market, Center
Street & Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.
11 a.m., chef demonstration, talk & book signing with Jessica Prentice. 1
p.m., choral music. Details: ecology-center.org, 510-548-3333.

■ Satsuki Ars Festival & Bazaar

Satsuki Arts Festival & Bazaar
 4-9 p.m. May 20, 12-7 p.m. May
21; Berkeley Buddhist Temple, 2121
Channing Way, Berkeley. 1-5 p.m.
May 21, entertainment includes San
Jose Talko, more. Japanese food,
Asian arts & crafts, silent auction,
carnival games. Free. Details: 510-841-1356,

■ Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser

— May 21, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Albany
Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave, Al
bany, Pancakes, sausage, eggs, orange juice, coffee served. Cost: \$3\$6. Proceeds benefit American Golf
Program For Senior Centers. Details
510-524-9122.

■ Community Labyrinth Peace
Walk — May 21, 3 p.m., Willard Middle School, 2425 Stuart St., Berkeley. All welcome, rain cancels. Details:

La Place du Marche — May 21,
11 a.m.-4 p.m., 1009 Heinz Ave.,
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products for sale; French food &
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and crafts showcase features 125 local artists and craftspeople. Handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, woodwork,
clothing, paintings, photography,
toys, art glass, more. Children's entertainment, live music by Jaztertainment, live music by Jaz-zschool, food & drink. Details: 510-898-3282, liveoakparkfair.com.

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Library

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B Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No reg-istration is necessary. For more informa-tion, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

El Cerrito Library

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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The library is offering free beginning in-ternet classes on Saturday mornings. All classes start at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Please sign up in advance. The schedule of classes are: May 6: Health and medical information; May 20: Finding newspaper articles; May 27: Travel information; June 3: Finding magazine articles.
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The final Monday evening farnily story time for the spring will be Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m.. The theme will be "I Love You, Mom & Dad!"

■ The final Lapsit story time (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlertime) of the spring will be Thursday, May 11. It meets at 10:15 and 11 a.m. for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers, and lasts about 20 minutes. No registration is required.

■ Elaine Addison, author of "Miss Poppy's Guide to Raising Perfectly Happy Children," will be at the library to discuss her book with interested par-ents on Monday, May 15 at 7 p.m. Ms.

ing tenures with celebrities like Caroline Kennedy and Kathleen Turner.

■ Judith Steinberg Turiel will give a talk on her book, "Our Parents, Ourselves: How American Heath Care Imperils Middle Age and Beyond," on Tuesday, May 23, at 7 p.m. Turiel, a daughter of aging parents, combines personal stories with medical information to explore how aging and social and health care policies affect our daily lives. She will cover pressing issues such as healthy aging and independent living, dementia and depression, women as caregivers, and Medicare, emphasizing that her own baby-boomer generation must start thinking now about their years ahead.

■ The May meeting of Readers Anonymous has been canceled. The group usually meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. Future tittes: June 27: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson; July 25: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

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25: "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hour-long appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

\$10-524-3043 or www.cocib.org Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Local author Carole Terwilliger Meyers will give a slide presentation of her new book, "Weekend Adventures in San Francisco & Notthern California," on Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. There will be a book signing after the discussion.

The next meeting of the library's book club will be Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. The group will discuss "For Whom the Bell Tolis" by Ernest Herningway, Future titles: June 26: "A fine Balance" by Robinton Mistry, July 24: "The Saa Wolf" by Jack London, Aug. 28: "How the Garcia Cirts Lost their Accents" by Julia Avarez; Sept. 25: "Houskebeny Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 25: "Houskebeny Finn" by David Mason.

Pastel paintings by Oakley artist Nancy Roberts will be featured through June 16 at the library. In her 'Detta Se-ries' she explores the intricate structure of bare trees and shimmering reflections while her still lifes and florals present a lively new take on familiar subjects.

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Contra Costa County

The Contra Costa County Library's summer reacting program will run June 12—Aug. 21. Follow the animal tracks on your reading record to fun and prizes during the kilds reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," for children through grade 5. See what's lurking around the comer for all teens who read during "Creature Feature: Teens Read 2006," for teens in grades 6-12. The library system also introduces the first annual adult reading program for everyone age 18 and older. Simply read and submit a raffle ticket for your chance to win exciting prizes in weekly countywide drawings held throughout the summer. For more information or to get started, please contact your community library, call 1-800-984-4636 or visit www.ccclib.org.

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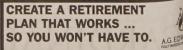
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Summer Theatre Intensive —
Berkeley Repertory School of Theatre, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Students in grades 6-12 create & perform a play. Session 1: June 19-July 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (grades 6-8); cost \$1,040. Session 2: July 17-Aug. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (grades 9-12); \$1,100. Scholarships available. Details: 510-647-2978, berkeleyrep.org, school@berkeleyrep.org.

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Music

Prokoflev Plano Concerto — May 5-6, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. University Symphony Orchestra per-forms Prokoflev, Strauss, Mozart. Cost:

\$3-\$10.
■ Healing Muses — May 6, 8 p.m.,
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Tickets: \$15-\$18. Details: healingmuses.org, 510-524-5661.
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Brasileira. \$15-\$18. — May 19, 8 p.m., Beegie Adair Trio. \$15-\$18. — May 20, 8 p.m., Good For Cows & John Schott's Dream Kitchen. \$12. — May 21, 4:30 p.m., Advanced High School Jazz Workshop. \$10. — May 27, 8 p.m., Pyeng Threadgill. \$12. — May 28, 4:30 p.m., Sarah Manning Quartet. \$12-\$15. Details: 510-845-5373, jazzschool.com

■ Jerusalem Quartet — May 7, 3 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. Cham-ber music of Beethoven, Shostakovich Mendelissohn. Tickets: \$42; 510-642-

Berkeley Chamber Performances

May 9, 8 p.m., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Avenue Winds perform Liget. Hindemith, Nielsen, Romero. \$20. Details: berkeleychamberperforg, 510-525-5211.

Romero. \$20. Details: berkeleychamberperf.org, 510-525-5211.

■ Cal Performances Centennial Celebration — May 12, 7:30 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Features Mark Mortis Danoe Group, John Adams, Michael Tilson Thomas, Lisa Yroman, San Francisco Opera Orchestra. Cost: \$48-\$90; 510-642-9988 or calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ Mini Concert Serles — 8 p.m., Arlington Community Church, £2 Arlington Ave., Kensington. May 12, Bobby Ingrams combines piano & humor. — June 2, Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble plays Dufay, Obrecht, Isaac, Taeggio, Gabriell, more. — June 30, Bay Area Classical Harmonies performs Greek & Russian vocal music. Cost: \$15, \$50 for six concerts, \$2 children under 16. Details: 510-526-9146.

■ St. Mark's Choir Association & Orchestra — May 14, 10 a.m., St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Celebrate 250th Anniversary of Mozart's Birth with performance of "Coronation Mass" & "Regina Coeli."

Details: 510-845-0888, stmarksberkeley. Celebrate May Concert — May

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14, 4 p.m., Crowden Music Center,
1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Music by
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members Molly Axtmann & Ken Durling, Cost: \$12, children free. Details:
510-559-2941, crowden.org. school district's science fair.
He won second place.
"They really, really liked my
project," Lukas said, "but nobody
could understand it."
Since Lukas had created his
own system to solve the problem,
he used unorthodox technical
terms, said West Contra Costa
science fair judge (and El Cerrito
High School alumnus) Jeff
Adachi.

Waterfront

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The other three visions outlined in the resolution are: the Caruso plan; a plan submitted by Magna that reflects its vision of the property should the racetrack close; and a scaled-down version of the Caruso model prepared by city staff and a planning consultant.

The council approved both measures by a 40 vote, with Councilman Robert Lieber abstaining. Peter Tunney, the executive vice president for the Pacific Racing Association, which operates Golden Gate Fields for Magna, said he believed it wasn't prudent for Magna or Caruso to commit to the city's process in part because it wasn't "well defined."

He said Magna and Caruso

may be willing to compromise in the future.

Under the city's 1990 water-front protection measure, residents can vote on projects that would require zoning changes to the land, which would include Caruso's development.

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Meanwhile, members of Citizens for East Shore Parks, Citizens for East Shore Parks, Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and the Sierra Club have been gathering signatures in an effort to place an initiative on the November ballot. The initiative would effectively prevent the Caruso development and establish its own planning process.

The environmental coalition said it would be willing to stop collecting signatures for its planned ballot measure if Caruso stopped its campaign for the project, which includes meeting with residents and sending out mailers.

Several residents at Monday

night's meeting backed the initia-tive or said they were collecting signatures to get it on the ballot. The environmental groups plan to submit signatures by Monday. Leaders of the groups believe that track operations will cease be-cause of decreasing attendance. The land could then be bought for a park.

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This week, Toronto-based Magna noted in its quarterly financial report that the company's ability to continue is in substantial doubt, and it's unclear whether it will be able to generate enough cash to sustain its operations while paying off creditors.

Magna officials said the warning was related to the delay in the sale of The Meadows track near Pittsburgh, which is being held up by regulators in Pennsylvania, according a story by the Toronto Mail and Globe.

Waitlist

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Cathy Garza, the president of the Kensington Parent Teacher Association, said the increasing number of students may indicate a change in demographics in the unincorporated community, with elderly residents selling to families with young children.

The school district completed a multi-million dollar renovation at Kensington Hilltop last year. It's one of the top-performing schools in the district.

"I think that the new school is a big attraction," Garza said. "I think it really helped to motivate some folks on the fence about coming here. Or people feel more secure because it's been upgraded seismically. And it looks nice."

The school's attendance boundaries comprise Kensington and extend to Fairmount Avenue in El Cerrito.

Parents had between March 1 and March 31 to register their children.

Parents on hold who wish to try their luck at the beginning of next school year can bring their students to an overflow classroom at Kensington. Slots may open up for those on the waiting list if registered students fail to attend.

"If they come, we'll try to place them," Stokes said. "We'll do everything we can to make sure they stay."

If that doesn't work, slots will be found at nearby schools such as Fairmount or Madera, said Alan Del Simone, the director of stu-

"At some other schools, this happens more frequently," he said. "For Kensington, it's a little un-usual for them to be in this situa-tion."

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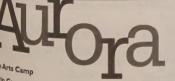




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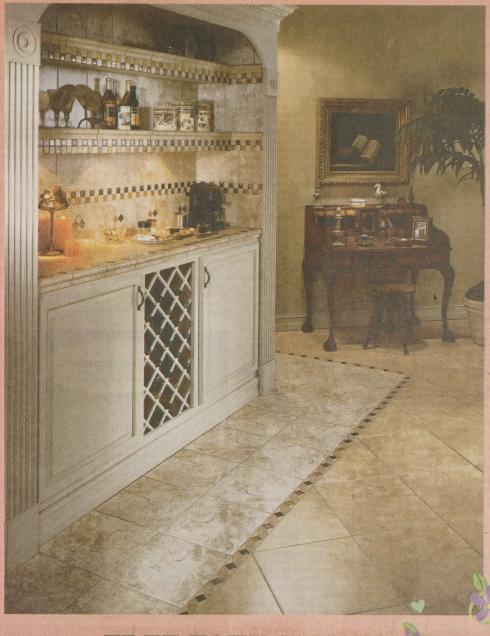
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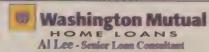
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Control spending, increase savings

It is no secret that personal credit card debt is currently at an all-time high, and it keeps growing every day.

Coincidentally, probably it will not shock you to learn that the personal savings rate in the United States is at its lowest level since the Great Depression. Although some forms of debt may be necessary, allow-



Ing your debt to get out of control can rob you of valuable savings opportunities. Reining in credit card and other types of debt will allow you to focus your efforts on establishing and growing your financial nest egg.

Nowadays we consumers have many alternatives available to us to buy now and pay later. But while such offers may be tempting, we could learn a valuable lesson from previous generations who did not have access easy credit.

Saving money first is not only a good idea for avoiding going into debt for larger purchases, it is also a good habit to get into for our finances in general.

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Many times people feel that if they can not put fi



A FIREPLACE LIES BENEATH the shade of one of the many trees on the property at 5620 Snake Rd in Oakland, above. Cathedral ceilings grace the home's great room, right.

Home

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new hardwood floors, light fixtures and recessed lighting, new cabi-nets, drawers, decorative display cabinets, a pantry and stainless steel appliances.

The great room has a vaulted wood open beamed ceiling, a brick fireplace, random plank white oak floors and multi-paned windows with garden views.

The updated bath maintains the feel of the original architecture with great detailing such as decorative tile borders and pedestal sink.

The large master bedroom has a curved celling, multi-paned windows for plenty of natural light and soft summer breezes, lovely detailing and spacious closet. The second bedroom has new hardwood floors. Its location to next to the kitchen and great room would make a great study or home office.

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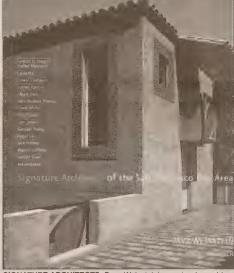
What: A Traditional home in Oakland's Montclair District at 5620 Snake Rd.

Bedrooms: Two
Bathrooms: One
Features: The home's exceptional grounds include lush landscaping with over a dozen varieties of mature trees, bushes and flowers, brick patios with out door fireplace, a stone lined creek, level lawns and Japanese style pond. The great room features a brick fireplace, bullt-in shelves, random white-oak plank hardwood floors and oversized multi-paned windows. A dramatic vaulted wood-beamed celling gives the room a wide-open feel The large remodeled eat-in kitchen offers all the amenities; new hardwood floors, new cabinets, drawers and pantry, new granite counter-tops
Price: \$749,000

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The home's exceptional grounds incuc landscaping with over a dozen varieties mature trees, bushes and flowers, brick one with an outdoor fireplace -, as lined creek, level lawns and Japanese-s pond. Types of trees include Mission fig white figs, Bartlett pear, persimmon, che plum, Japanese maple, sugar maple, crabapple, European beech and wisters



SIGNATURE ARCHITECTS: Dave Weinstein's new book provides a solid history of Bay Area residential architecture.

Book showcases notable Bay Area builders

Author Dave Weinstein to sign books at Builders Booksource

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When talk turns to architects who have made their mark in the San Francisco Bay Area, it often stops after two names: Bernard Maybeck and Julia Morgan. While they are the most well-known designers of the region, a new book on the "signature" styles of Bay Area architecture takes aim at some of the most important yet lesser-known Bay Area architects.

Author and architecture writer Dave Weinstein's Signature Architects of the San Francisco Bay Area (Gibbs Smith, Hardcover, \$29.95, April) profiles several prominent regional designers.

What began as an outgrowth of articles he had written for the San Francisco Chronicle about preserving historic buildings is now an in-depth work on the architecture of an area that is unlike any other.

Weinstein profiles 15 Bay Area

ture or an area that is unlike any other.

Weinstein profiles 15 Bay Area architects in the book: the Newsom brothers, Leola Hall, Ernest Coxhead, Luther Turton, Albert Farr, John Hudson Thomas, Frank Wolfe, Birge Clark, Carr Jones, Gardner Dailey, Roger Lee, Jack Hiller, Warren Callister, Donald Olsen, and the firm Ace Architects.

His profiles include a summary on each architect including birth anddeath dates, style, active projects, famous projects and a list of houses to visit.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Who: Dave Weinstein

What: Book signing

When: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 11 Where: Builders Booksource, 1817

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"I chose to profile these particular architects not necessarily because they are the best the area has produced," Weinstein said, "But because their stories, taken together, provide a solid history of Bay Area residential architecture.
Sidebars define such topics such as Queen Anne, Stick, Arts and Crafts and the Eichler phenomenon. Architectural styles covered include English Cottage, Stucco, Prairie, Colonial, and Modern
Weinstein has lived in the Bay

Stucco, Prairie, Colonial, and Modern
Weinstein has lived in the Bay Area for over 30 years. An original east-coaster, Dave studied art history at Columbia University in New York City, before heading to UC Berkeley in California for journalism studies.

He is a regular contributor to the San Francisco Chronicle and writes about modern architects for CA Modern (the Eichler Network magazine and website).

Linda Svendsen has 30 years of experience in photographing images for posters, note cards, and books. Her previous books include Bungalow Kitchens, Beyond the Bungalow and Good Green Kitchens.

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Number 511 in a series of true experiences in real estate
In his garden last week a client pointed out a bird's nest hanging amongst the branches of a pittosporum tree. When I could adjust my sight to see through the good camouflage of leaves, a little bird was just emerging from a small hole near the top and side of what looked like a woven sack.
The cilent said he thought it was a bush it, that this is the sort of nest bush tits build. He'd discovered the nest while he was pruning the tree and had been enjoying seeing a pair of birds going back and forth, in and out, apparently tending to their babies.
We couldn't see or hear the babies of course who must be kept cozy at the bottom of the nest, like living in the toe of a warm sock. I'd never seen a nest like that one in person before but once humming-birds chose a criss-crossed spot in a clematis vine on the back fence in my garden as a good spot for a nest. The nest was tiny and looked remarkably like its surroundings.
It was only by chance that learned it was there while clipping nearby. We were able to get close without disturbing the nest and could see an egg inside – only one. Or so we thought. Next we glimpsed a teensy baby bird; maybe the size of a thimble.
And after that, the next time we looked, there were two baby birds. The space was so small, the birds even smaller, plus they were packed together so tightly, that we hadn't realized there were two.

I do enjoy seeing birds, more than ever the past few months since we started feeding finches. We hadn't had a bird feeder for quite awhile because more recently we've had a cat that catches things – lizards sometimes but mostly, mice. But when our friend Shaun suggested getting a thistle-filled net sack for finches that could be hung high off the ground, we immediately bought one. (Any pet food store has them, or grocery stores like Albertson's, or Target.)

Shaun rigged up a pulley on a rope in a tree outside the kitchen window with the seed sack hanging about 8 feet off the ground. Finches come, lots

cling to sides of the sack and peck away.

We can easily lower the sack to refill it and because the birds do not feed on the ground, the cat can't get to them. There is concrete under the feeder so spilled seed can be swept up and this is good because I remember how messy birdseed can be. Some seed has hulls that the birds discard and other spilled seed sprouts into weeds.

That other feeder experience was when my children were young and my mother was at our house most everyday. She knew the name of the bird with the red wings and the black-headed one too, something I cannot seem to learn, even

with the help of guide books. I know what a blue jay is, and a robin, but that's about it. I'm hoping to get better educated though.

Just a couple of weeks ago while researching the neighborhood around Oakland and Berkeley's Alvarado Road (we had a listing on West View, a beautiful house with a creek and trees and many birds). I found a free bird guide.

Actually, it's a local wildlife guide, not just birds, but also animals such as deer and racoons, as well as butterflies, all of which have been seen in that neighborhood. This small, in-color illustrated guide is free to anyone who would like to print it out from the North Hills Phoenix Association website, www.nh-phoenix.org. Look for Kay Loughman's Wild Life of the North Hills.

Because all the birds shown live in this area, as opposed to Colorado or Maine, I'll be able to figure out which ones! I'm seeing, I think I saw a Golden-crowned Sparrow today!

I built my own bird nest. I recommend it. Very fun and quite pretty. It's sitting on the narrow window sill over my kitchen sink where I look at it several times a day. I didn't start out with the Idea of building a nest. I was just walking around the garden enjoying the day and I began to pick up fine little branches, dropped there during recent small-tree pruning.



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PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTY recently recognized its top producing agents throughout its three-state network. Agents tapped for awards from the company's dynamic, multilingual — 13 languages spoken — Grand Lake office include from left to right: Roxanne Wong, Mayling Trinh, Richard Matus, Dolores Thom, Ernest Villafranca, Tara Banks, and John Bell - Ming Zhou is not pictured. "The key to top production is great service, says Amberson "Mac" McCulloch, the Grand Lake office manager. "These agents provide the best in friendly, professional, service." They can be reached at 510-834-2010.

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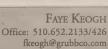
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The reason why it is so low is that it only includes part of the interest and none of the principle. As a consequence the loan amount actually goes up every month. It is not uncommon for the balance to rise on a \$400,000 loan approximately \$10,000 per year. In addition, these loans, as well as many "teaser rate" loans, have a prepayment penalty, typically up to six months of interest, should you pay off your loan early.

In a best-case scenario, the property appreciates, if so, this could recover much if not all of the negatively amortized principi if appreciation doesn't occur or values drop, the balance of the loan could end up being higher

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All of these loans may work for some and definitely not for others. It is very important to obtain what makes the most sense for your individual needs. The options are out there. A good, reputable lender can assist you in making the right decision for you.

Phil Weingrow has been a Re-altor since 1980 and is managing a Fine Homes and Estates Office of Century21 Heritage where he continually looks at how technol-ogy can make the real estate ex-perience more efficient. He can be reached at 510-339-8900 or pweingrow@c21hre.com

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Get the lowdown on decks

Join Dennis McCullah of Odin's Hammer and Gary Lazar of Lazar Landscape as they review the range of decking products available and how they perform. Learn about product options, design considerations and get the knowledge you need whether doing it yourself or working with a contractor. Before or after attending the seminar, stop by the Deck Product Day being held in the Truitt & White parking lot from 8 a.m. to noon.

What: Truitt & White Deck Clinic

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Open Sunday 2-4:30. Nestled in the desirable Montclair Hills this spacious contemporary has a open flowing floor plan. Every room is spacious and inviting. Enjoy gatherings in an expansive eat-in kitchen with adjoining sun filled family room with views of the Bay! All four bedrooms including the master suite on one level. Other features include a home office on main level and exercise from. Offered at \$1.195,000. level and exercise room. Offered at \$1,195,000



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PANORAMIC VIEW LOT



956 SEAVIEW, EL CERRITO

This rare large (1/3 acre) lot offers sweeping views from Oakland to San Francisco including all 3 bridges! Located in El Cerrito across from a pristine park and adjacent to another, this lot offers a chance to build your dream home in a sea of tranquility and privacy. The quiet neighborhood has million dollar homes and a strong sense of community. Included are architectural designs for two distinct modern homes by awardwinning firm Michelle Kaufmann Designs based on green architectural practices.

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<u>Books By</u>
Realtors and Affillates of the real estate industry are often multi-tal-ented. Some write books, too. Ira Serkees, a Berkeley Realtor with RE/Max Executive is also a technology expert and a writer. He is the author of "How To Sell A Home in California." See more at berkeley-homes.com

Homeowners. The "Homeowners Information Forum" is 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, at the Joaquin Miller Community Center In Oakland. Topics include homeowners insurance, earthquake retrofiting, debt consolidation and more. Learn where to go for resources. Reservations are required. Call Saundra Anderson of Union Trust Mortgage Services at 925-258-0090. Seniors. Senior Citizens needing additional income should consider a reverse mortgage. The Reverse Mortgage Seminar helps you decide if this option is right for you. The free class is at Bayridge Realty & Financial, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 20. The presenter is reverse mortgage specialist Derry Hampton with real estate broker Steve Zager as host. RSVP by calling 510-524-3333 ext. 301.

Cyber Chats. Do you like to shop online? The Internet is a growing real estate marketplace. If you would like to learn the ins and outs of buying and selling, join in on the monthly Q & A session with the Real Estate Consulting Center. Register for the May meeting online at realestateconsulting center.com.

Assistance. Buyers can qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance programs from the State of California, Prepare for homebuying at the "My First Home Purchase" seminar, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 24, In San Leandro. Call Anzella Jones of First Security Loan in San Leandro at 888-854-647 ext. 706.

Questions? Whether buying or selling, there are questions that demand an answer. Can I purchase a home? When is the best time to sell? What is an Agents duty? Put an end to these questions by attending the "Buyers/Sellers Real Estate Workshop." The presenters are Shaunda Scoggins and Stephanie Christmas of RE/Max East Bay Hills. Information is available at 510-553-1197 or 510-638-4134.

GOLDMAN AWARDED

Habitat for Humanity named Avram Goldman, president and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage the Bay Area Humanitarian of the Year. Avram, an advocate for homeownership for all is also an avid supporter of Habitat. He puts his hammer to work using his own sweat equity to motivate others. Coldwell Banker, with Goldman's support has raised over \$1.2 million for Habitat for Humanity. Completed homes are sold at no profit to low-income families with no interest loans.

This week's Open Home Guide starts on page B24.

and the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council present a new ourse "Seniors Real Estate Specialist". This two-day Seniors Real Estate Specialist Designation is 2:30 to 4:30. Wednesday May 17 and Thursday, May 18. This DRE approved, twelve-hour continuing education class covers everything from living trusts to senior counseling. The instructor is Phil Risch. Contact Ingrid Westgard or Linda Centoni 5:10-537-8300 for registration information.

MOVING

Statistics show 8000 Americans turn 85 every day. Professional organizer Lavon Martel of Open House Staging & Organizing (OHSO) help Seniors and their adult children transition through a move. This type of move needs special sensitivity, Martel's skills are also available to the handicapped. Get an estimate by calling OHSO at 925-383-0947.

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■ Where did she go? Kristen Hipol has a new place to hang her hat. She is now associated with OMM, inc. in Alameda.
■ Bobble Reid, this columnist and the author of "Clueless: Real Solutions For Men Who Don't Get it And The Women Who Love Them" is passing out advice again. She is quoted in the "Cosmo For Your Guy" column, page 62, in the April issue of Cosmopolitan magazine. Visit www.BobbleReid.com for more about the book.

LET'S TALK?

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COMING SOON

Located on one of Crocker Highland's most coveted streets, this stately Tudor is rich in architectural detail and offers five bedrooms, three and one half baths, a finished attic room, updated kitchen, adjoining family room, office, and plent of storage. Near schools, shops, Farmers' Market



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Great starter bungalow on large corner lot! Shows well, but needs work. Two bedrooms, 1 bath. Fireplace in living room, hardwood floors. Great light. One-car attached garage w/ interior access and 1-car detached garage w/side street access. Fresh interior paint, Great starter bungalow on large sewer lateral replaced.

Diane Sindel-Deutsche Broker 510/406-6991 Diane@Jeans-Realty.com



Cute bungalow located in the heart of Albany. Two bedrooms, 2 baths. Diamond in the rough. Fireplace in living room, separate dining room. One-car detached garage. Fresh interior paint. Fully enclosed backyard. Owned by the same family for almost 50 years.

Immaculate townho Vista Country Club incredible views! I bedrooms, 2.5 baths, apprecased a separate shower. Huge eakitchen w/wet bar. Many is quality upgrades. Fresh increased a sewer lateral replaced. paint, sewer lateral replaced

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1142 High Court, Berkeley
Open Sunday, 2:00 – 4:30
New Listing! Wonderful, quiet hills location near
U.C. & the Rose Garden. 4-bdrm, 3-bath home
includes 2 Defirms in the spacious main area plus a
3rd bdrm/office with a separate entrance as well as a
separate au-pair unit. Approx. 2,270 sq. ft. Lots of
potential. Needs a foundation and updating.
Barbara Conheim x28
\$625,000



Bill & Tracy x33



515 Stannage Ave., Albany By Appointment New Listing! Delightful, charming & just remodeled

Nancy Mueller x20



373 – 40th Street, #3, Oakland
Open Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00
New Listing! Behind a security gate near Piedma
Ave. & BART, is this unique community with
shared common garden area, which includes koi
pond, pizza oven & barbecue. Hip, stylish loft w
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Houses on tap



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Open Sunday 2-4:30. This stunning Piedmont Mediterranean has been recently renovated throughout. There are four bedrooms and four and one half bathrooms including an au pair space with a separate entrance. The new kitchen is accented with granite and stainless appliances. The formal rooms are spacious and well appointed. The home has wonderful outdoor spaces for entertaining and play. Offered at \$2,195,000



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PACIFIC UNION

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Located in central Piedmont, this classic 1950's home is built with quality and style. Level-in, formal living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen opening to outdoor deck, two bedrooms, two baths. Downstairs a third bedroom and full bath as well as a generous family room with separate entrance. Nancy Rothman

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Offered at \$1,250,000



1959 Corteral Avenue, Montclair

This stunning home is situated on a quiet cul-de-sac. It is just steps through the tunnel pathway which leads into the Montclair Village. French doors that lead from the kitchen to a patio and covered deck surrounded by a landscaped yard and garden. Three bedrooms-two baths-living room with fireplace-updated eat-in-kitchen-bonus room/office-two car garage with inside access.

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4381 Rettig Avenue, Oakland

Special sunny oasis with fenced yard in wooded setting including patios and garden. 3 bedroom/1 bath with 1 bedroom, laundry and 1/4 bath on main level, tiled eat-in-kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, formal dining. 2/1 up, bonus room down, lots of storage, 1 car attached garage.

Offered at \$675,000

Lee Jacobson, CRS

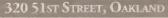
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4 Rockridge Condos

These gracious 1BR condominiums have all of the modern convenie while retaining all of the charms of an older building. Extensively rereled. All new kitchens, baths, beautiful hardwood floors, each condits own laundry and parking. Spacious living room, formal dining rear-in-kitchen. Full of light & sunshine. Vibrant College Ave just arour its, shopping, BART and easy S.F. freeway access



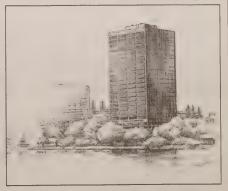
Lower condos \$475,000 Upper condos \$485,000

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Park Bellevue Luxury



562 Bellevue Ave., #2106

Featuring spectacular panoramic views of Mt. Tam, the Oakland hills, and Lake Merritt, this elegant corner unit features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, separate master suite, updated open kitchen, spacious living room and dining area, terrace pool, and gym/spa facility, 24-hour doorman. Enjoy walking to Grand Avenue and Lakeshore shops and restaurants. 1,243 square feet.

Offered at \$699,000



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Two single family two bedroom, one bath homes on one lot! Elegant Craftsman with period details and sunny eat-in kitchen and a '50's ranch house with private garden in the rear.



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NEW LISTING IN REDWOOD HEIGHTS

Open Sunday May 7, 2-4:30 Twilight Tour Wed. May 10, 6-8:30PM



Searching for a spacious, level-in 4+ bed-room, 3 bath home with in-law poten-tial? Floor plan includes family room, home office, floor to ceiling windows, newly refinished hardwoods and an ex-pansive deck with garden, tree and hill views. Close to Redwood Heights El-ementary School and access to shopping and transportation. Don't miss!

4150 Gregory Street, Oakland Offered at \$769,000

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This handsome Traditional home contains 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal dining room leading through a wet-bar to eat-inkitchen, out to a deck and landscaped patio-garden.

58 Lakeview Avenue, Piedmont Offered at \$ 2,200,000

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This is the quintessential 3 bedroom Brown Shingle, on one of Rockridge's most coveted, tree-lined streets! The living room, dining room, and book-lined study all retain the beautiful, natural wood built-ins of this beloved vintage. The updated kitchen, breakfast area, and spacious family room are graced by french doors leading to the sunny deck, lawn, and garden. Both full bathrooms have been remodeled with designer colors, fixtures and finishes!



Offered at \$1,050,000

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OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2-4:30PM

Panoramic views from this spacious 3+BR/2BA home.
Newly remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. Floorplan includes a family room, rec. rm./home office and an undeveloped third level. Large terraced rear yard with sundeck, hot tub, fruit trees and area for vegetable garden. Freshly painted interior and exterior. Don't Miss!



3027 Carlsen Street, Oakland Offered at \$679,000

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PACIFIC UNION

OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2-4:30PM



177 Ridgeway Avenue, Oakland Offered at \$725,000

Joan Dark

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Oakland Hills Views greet you from this 4BR/
1BA two story Craftsman home boasting a charming entry, LR and DR complete with built-in bookcases, an entry seat with "hidden" storage, gleaming hardwood floors, designer colors, and a grand
fireplace. Perfect for a family with 3 BRs upstairs
w/views & an additional bedroom down stairs for
a FR/office. Large, sunny backyard patio and lawn!
Blocks to Dimond Park, shops, restaurants and
the new, highly-anticipated Farmers Joe's "organic
health food" store! Seismically-retrofitted foundation installed in 2002, updated electric and copper
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A WHITE PICKET FENCE AND ROSES

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A wonderful spacious family home with a formal LR/DR, 3BRs/2BAs, a separate office, large family room, expansive attic and an attached garage with interior access! The newly updated kitchen boasts maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops and an abundant amount of storage. Invite friends over for BBQs in the large, sunny backyard perfect for kids and pets! Conveniently close to both High-ways 580 & 13. This "White Picket" house is a wonderful place to call home!



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NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2-5PM



7062 Thornhill Drive, Oakland Offered at \$1,200,000

Magical gardens, sylvan seclusion & sweeping Bay views enhance the architectural charms of this handsome 1940 Hacienda. There are four bedrooms, including a huge master suite with study or fifth bedroom, three bathrooms, a family room, a big bright kitchen, and extraordinary indoor-outdoor flow.

New Listing in Crocker Highlands Open Saturday & Sunday, May 6 & 7, 2-4:30pm



1387 Barrows Road, Oakland Offered at \$829,000

Exquisite, sophisticated 1920's Traditional. Expansive front porch. Bright, sleek, open kirchen and updated baths. Numerous quality upgrades. Soothing colors throughout. Main floor family room, or great 3rd bedroom, opens to secluded garden. Detached office/studio. Close to cafes, shops, Farmers' Market and San Francisco transportation.



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NEW LISTING IN MONTCLAIR OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2-5PM



6015 La Salle Avenue, Oakland Offered at \$859,000

Desirable Piedmont side of Montclair location. This classic 1930's Traditional was well designed and offers lovely formal rooms, sunny bedrooms, and a newer Chef's kitchen and baths. The split-level floor plan has 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath up and a 3rd bedroom/family room, plus room and bath downstairs. Beautifully landscaped level backyard and newly landscaped front yard! Just steps to the Village and public transportation.

New Listing in Temescal OPEN SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2-4:30PM



Offered at \$549,000

This c. 1920 bungalow home shines with dramatic bold colors and wonderful details such as the built-in bookcases framing the dramatic fireplace mantel and crown molding in the entry, living & dining rooms. The updated kitchen is spacious with high ceilings and a skylight. Soothing designer colors grace each bedroom. This charming home is close to vibrant Temescal cafes, shopping and activities.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

MONT HILLS \$2,495,000

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3518 RUBIN DR.
Sunny, spacious & immaculate 5BR/3BA with traditional floor plan. Huge media/game room, 3-cat
garage, filtered by views. Lovely patio & lawn area
level our from eat-in kitchen. Donna Costella x1355

PIEDMONT \$969,000

Just listed! Country charm in private setting. Sunny 2++BR/1BA home with 1BR/1BA unit. Convenient location. Sheila Gal-



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this ceilings and generous spaces.
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\$879,000 ROCKRIDGE 6019 HILLEGASS Craftsman style 3BR/2

6019 HILLEGASS
Craftsman style 3BR/2BA 1920's home with full in-law Great separation of space. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with nook. Rich Gould x1347 & Joanna Gould x1346

By Appointment

MONTCLAIR \$7/75,000
\$500 ASCOT DR

Beautiful Bay, SF and Oakland city views on secluded 1/3± acre lor. Open floor plan with hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and 2-car garage. Jackie Care x1378



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$769,000

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Spacious 4+BR/3BA level-in home with in-law potential. Large eat-in kinthen, formal dining room, family noom & home office. Deck overlooking large fenced yard, garden & hills. Diane Fart McCan x1352

\$749,000 6155 WESTOVER DR.

Light and bright Montclair contemporary with three+ bedrooms, two and one half baths. Decks, Lots of terrific features. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Jane Strauch x1332



PIEDMONT AVENUE \$725,000
177 RIDGEWAY AVE.
Great Craftsman home built in 1913. Beautiful architectural details - tall ceilings, wainscoring, a rare inglenook, hardwood floors, and two fireplaces. Roomy eat-in kitchen. Joan Dark x1316

AND TICLAIR \$7/25,000
6845 THORN HILL DR.
Contemporary Tahoe-style home in wooded setting.
3 BR, 25 BA, plus studio with separate entrance.
Large master suite. Newer paint & carpet, hardwood floors. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

\$719,000 DIMOND

\$775,000 BERKELEY \$719,000

1119 CARLETON ST. (Open Sat & Sun)

3 BR, ZBA craftsman/period detail. Hardwood or plan with floors, natural wood built-ins, fireplace, master suite opening to gardener's paradise, and country kirchen/

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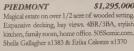
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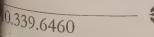


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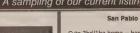


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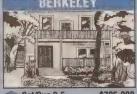


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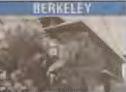
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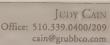
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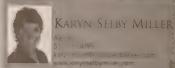


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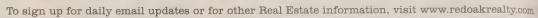


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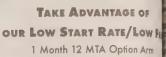
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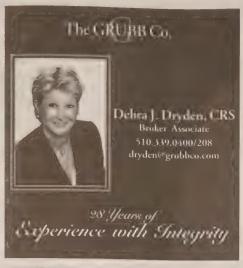
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Dear Bob: We own a rental house that we want to sell so we can acquire another rental property. The house has a lease until March 2006 after which we will sell it. However, we already found another suitable rental property replacement to acquire in a tax-deferded exchange. But the seller wants to close by November 2005. Can we do an Internal Revenue Code 1031 tax-deferred exchange? — Alvin D. Dear Alvin: Yes. The situation you describe, where the replacement rental property is acquired before the old rental property is sold, is called a "reverse tax-deferred exchange." It is perfectly legal under Internal Revenue Code 1031.

However, you can't take title to the replacement property in your name until you sell your current rental property. Title must be taken in the name of the third-party intermediary who will handle your IRC 1031 tax-deferred exchange.

Dear Bob: While searching for a house, we found a desirable new community that requires we use the builder's mortgage lender for financing. But their rates seem high, is this practice legal or can we use another lender? — Lester G.

Dear Lester: Don't be intimidated by the home builder who will receive an extra proffit if you use his mortgage company. In most states, a builder cannot require the buyer to use a builder-related lender or closing settlement firm.

However, don't be too hasty to reject the builder's mortgage finance terms. Shop around among other lenders, such as your bank and credit union, to be sure of their exact mortgage details. Then compare those terms with what the builder's finance department offers. Maybe there are some advantages to using the builder's mortgage finance terms. Shop around among other lenders, such as your bank and credit union, to be sure of their exact mortgage details. Then compare those terms with what the builder's finance department offers. Maybe there are some advantages to using the builder's lender.

Dear Bob: Isold my condo and paid no capital gains tax because I owned and lived in it over 24 of the 60 months befo

deferred exchange work better? — John F.

Dear John: Because you recently used your Internal Revenue Code 121 principal residence sale exemption up to \$250,000 for your condo sale, you can't use it again for 24 months (even if you meet the 24 out of last 60 months ownership and occupancy test for your house).

However, since your girlfriend co-owned and occupied the house at least 24 of the last 60 months before its sale, she is now eligible for up to \$250,000 tax-free principal residence sale profits. But you are not eligible because you just used your \$250,000 entitlement when selling your condo.

To make your half of the house sale eligible for up to \$250,000 tax-free profits, you need to wait at least 24 months after your last use of the IRC 121 exemption.

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Dear Craig: Yes. Internal Revenue Code 121 offers a principal residence sale tax exemption up to

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qualify you and your spouse must have occupied your residence a to-tal of at least 24 months during the 60 months before its sale. However, the occupancy need not be contin-uous. For details, please consult your

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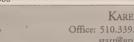
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was at all an option? Thanks for any advice.

A. Sorry gains from a 1031 tax deferred exchange cannot be moved to a retirement plan without being subject to taxes.

Q. We closed on a home in East Palestine, Ohio, in November of 2004. During the buying process, we had been told by the builder that there was a tax abatement on new construction in this town. We were moving from Arizona and were not familiar with tax abatements. The large sign as buyers enter the development show tax abatement as one of the features, and the builder gave us a brochure that touted tax abatement. Our realtor was from out of town and was not familiar with the abatement until he told her.

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abatement form.
We did not realize we did not have this abatement until we got our property tax bill for 2005 in January 2006, and it was too late to apply for an abatement. Everyone seems to be passing the buck here.

What are your thoughts?

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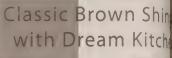


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Around the horn

Lacrosse club sweeps doubleheader

Important series

In Berrito and Alarneda high school base-sans are in the middle of a series that could rotal in the Alarneda Contra Costa Athletic area. The Squads played at Cerrito Vista in El Cerrito on Wednesday, and Alarneda st El Cerrito on Monday at 4 p.m. Entering sessar/s contest, the Hornets (6-0 ACCAL) a half-game lead over the Gauchos (6-1 AC-

On deck

South qualifying tournament, boys golf, 830 am. — Twenty tearns and 21 individu-compete at Metropolitian Golf Links in Oak-r 10 team spots and 12 individual spots at the parament of Champions on May 15 at Red-ingries G

playoffs, girls lacrosse, May 8-13, TBA—'
y, Bishop O'Dowd, Piedmont and St. Mary's
ng the learns looking for a DVLL champiand to qualify for the NCS playoffs.
la Valley at Barkeley, girls softball, Grove
is 10, 3:30 p.m.— This game could go a
y toward deciding the ACCAL title.

at Berkeley, baseball, at San Pablo Park, 0 p.m. — The teams meet for the second than a week. Entering the week, Berke-our-game league win streak over Encinal, a week third in the ACCAL this season mark. Berkeley was tied for fifth with a 3-4

Stars of the week

th a softball — Felder fired a th seven strikeouts and no walks in a Albany. She also won her start against and pitched a one-hitter in a four-in-30ry over St. Joseph Notre Dame.

uhaus, Berkeley softball — Neuhaus act game in a 15-0 victory over El Cer-inning game. She also threw one-hitters ri-hning game against De Anza and a 6-tercules.



Iollands lifts EC into first

Senior left-hander shuts down Alameda; Gauchos take a half-game lead in the ACCAL race

By Ricardo Sanchez Jr.

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El Cerrito High School's Mario Hollands could see the scouts behind the home plate backstop on Wednesday, pointing their radar guns to clock the speed of his pitches.

It didn't seem to faze the senior

left-hander, who has become accustomed to all the attention.

"You get used to it. You see them come every time I pitch," he said. "I think of them as other (parents), that way I won't try too hard."

Hollands put up another strong performance, and the Gauchos delivered a 4-2 win to move into first place by a half-game over visiting on a ground out, took off toward home on the play and scored when the throw from shortstop Jordan Pries to the plate was off line.

"We knew we had to win today,"

It didn't seem to faze the senior

Cerrito (11-4, 7-1) an insurance run which proved to be just enough cush ion when things got testy in the seventh inning.

enth inning.

Devin Hobbs, who finished with three strikeouts in 6½ innings pitched for Alameda (12-5, 6-1), scored from second on Pries' single to right field, cutting the Gauchos' lead to two runs. But with runners on first and second, Hollands quickly put the mini-rally to rest by getting Jeff Perri to ground out for the final out. Hollands finished with eight strikeouts.

HIGH SCHOOL



EL CERRITO'S Scott Phasquath returns a 5th during his 6-1, 6-0 loss to Alameda's Thai Tu in the ACCAL singles final.

New attitude helps **Berkeley sophomore** win ACCAL golf title

By Robert Jordan

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STAFFWRITER
It took Berkeley High School's John Hasse only a year to learn to curb his anger, but he had to with a sport like golf.
Hasse shot a 5-over-par 77 in an up-and-down day to claim medalist honors at the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League boys golf championships Friday at Metropolitan Golf Links in Oakland.
"Momentum in golf can change in a heartbeat," Hasse said. "I used to get really mad, but not anymore. I try to keep it even keel."
Case in point: After carding a double bogey on the par 4, 413-yard 11th hole, Hasse rebounded with a birdie on the par-3, 141-yard 12th hole. Hasse's tee shot on 12 landed 6 feet from the pin A sophomore, Hasse, who finished his round with three birdies, helped the Yellow Jackets finish fourth with a five-golfer score of 453. Hercules won the championship with 438, followed by Alameda (442) and Pinole Valley (443).
No North Coast Section South Qualifier team berths were decided because the ACCAL uses

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Albany steals a big victory

Piedmont throwing error give Cougars a 4-3 victory in 11 innings

By Dave Carpenter

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Sometimes, all it takes is a little bit of luck.

Even Albany High School baseball coach Jim Giblin said his team was a little lucky to beat visiting Piedmont 4-3 in 11 innings Wednesday in a Bay Shore Athletic League game at Cougar Field.

In the Cougars (12-4, 8-2 BSAL) have had a knack for winning close games this season. Among them, they beat the Highlanders 5-3 earlier in the season.

"It was a lot of luck," Giblin said. "We outlasted them. Both teams were evenly match."

What separated Albany and Piedmont (8-7, 5-5) was one play with two strikes and two outs in the bottom of the 11th. Albany's Zach Babitt was on second base with Tom Supple at the plate.

Babitt went to steal third after a second strike to Supple. Piedmont catcher Deren Rehr-Davis fired the ball to third as Babitt slid in, but the ball sailed high and into left field. That allowed. Babitt to get up and run home to score the winning run. It was reminiscent of Piedmont's extra inning win over St. Patrick-St. Vincent on April 26 when the Highlanders scored the winning run on an errant throw by the opposing catcher.

"Some days not," Piedmont coach Mike Humphries said.
"The kids hung in there, though."

Babitt singled with one out and later stole second. Another



ALBANY'S Carlton Steudeman, left, and Tom Supple, right, celebrate as Zach Babitt (1) scores the winning run.

when it tied the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the ninth. Kyle Shipley scored from third on an error.

Shipley pitched the last two innings for Albany to get the win, but starter Jason Bennett allowed just three hits over nine innings.

"He shut out John Swett last week, so I know he's going to get a quality start every time," Giblin said of Bennett. "He's a bull-dog. He's out there to pitch the duration of the game. That's his mentality."

Piedmont's pitchers were pretty good, too. Max Siemers, Dixon Anderson, Phil Estrada and Bryce Chu combined to scarter eight hits over the 11 innings. Pitching was not what cost the Highlanders.

"We made mental mistakes that got us into jams," Humphries said.

NCS adds two games to postseason football schedule

By Bill Kolb

STAFF WRITER

The North Coast Section Board of Managers voted Monday to approve a proposal that will add two games to the end of the football playoffs effective this year.

Managers voted 23-11 in favor of the NCS 2A and 3A playoff classes playing one additional game each, with the champions from the East Bay squaring off against champions from the Redwood Empire.

The 3A bracket has been divided along regional lines since 1998 with the section crowning two champions — one East Bay champ and one Redwood Empire champ. The 2A bracket has been divided along the same lines since at least 1975.

The games will be played the week after the traditional section championship week. It is likely one will be played on Friday, Dec. 9.

The decision theoretically strengthens the section's chances at having one of its teams selected to represent Northern California in the California Inter-

scholastic Federation bowl games, which begin in 2006. As only section champs are eligible for the games pitting the best teams from the North against the best teams from the North against the best teams from the South in three school-size divisions, paring down the available pool of candidates should make for a more compelling NCS candidate. The change reduces the NCS's total number of football champions from seven to five. The largest school size class (4A) and two smallest classes (A and B) are not affected.

East Bay and Redwood Empire champions will be considered "regional champions" and will receive pennants to that effect but no plaques.

"It wasn't a slam-dunk," NCS associate commissioner Gil Lemmon said. This is a compromise. It didn't make everybody happy. But there were aspects that satisfied the different constituencies. (The NCS staff) thought that this was probably the best solution. ... This allows us to move forward on to something a little bit different that works for everybody."

The proposal came in response to complaints from coaches that the playoffs are watered down and don't crown a true champion.

Previous proposals have eliminated playoff games, thereby negatively impacting the section financially by as much as an estimated \$74,000. This plan adds two games, solves the question of true champions, and increases section revenue.

One concern voiced at Monday's meeting was that, should a 2A or 3A team be selected for the state bowl event, that team would end up playing 15 games in a season.

Lemmon said members of the

Lemmon said members of the Board of Managers pointed out that the extra games would impact only a very small number of teams.

If the plan had been in effect for the 2005 football season, 2A East Bay champ Ygnacio Valley (10-3) would have faced 2A Redwood Empire champ Novato (11-2) and 3A East Bay champ Las Lomas (10-3) would have faced 3A Redwood Empire champ Cardinal Newman-Santa Rosa (10-3).

High school

FROM PAGE 1

regular-season standings to de-cide its three automatic entries. Hercules, Berkeley and Alameda finished 1-2-3, respec-

Links. However, three individuals not on the qualifying teams from Friday's championships did earn berths.

day's championships die dern berths.
Pinole Valley's Alex Forristall and John Miller advanced with a 78 and 80, respectively. El Cerrito's Trevor Oda was the final individual qualifier with an 87.

BOYS TENNIS
ACCAL championships: El Cerrito's Scott Phasquath ran into a buzz saw in the ACCAL singles final at Alameda High School on April 27.
And the buzz saw had a name: Thai Tu.
Stepping in at singles behind

And the buzz saw had a name: Thai Tu.

Stepping in at singles behind his brother, Tommy Tu, who graduated last year and is now playing at USF, the Hornets' Thai Tu defeated Phasquath 6-1, 6-0. While the match was never close, the Gauchos' Phasquath gamely attacked Tu with his serve and from the baseline, only to see shot after shot not just returned but returned with flair. Sizzling passing shots, drop shots, half volleys and straightat-ya's had Tu in the driver's seat from the get-go.

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from the get-go.

"I can't figure what to do
against him," said Phasquath, a
junior who also lost to Tu during
the regular league season. "I'l
play against him next year and
maybe figure something out."

Tu beat Berkeley's Roger Lew
6-1, 6-0 in the semifinals.
Phasquath stopped Encinal's
Jake David 6-4, retired.

Tu is headed for the North
Coast Section singles championships May 5-6 at the Discovery Bay Athletic Club. Last year,
older brother Tommy won the
singles title, while Thai teamed
up with Eric Ramos to claim the
doubles title.

doubles title.

Berkeley 6, Pinole Valley 1:
The Yellow Jackets swept the singles matches Tuesday to finish the ACCAL dual-match season with an 8-2 record. Aric King won the No. 1 singles match 6-3, 6-1 over Brian Kerr.

Felder fired a three-hitter with seven strikeouts, and teammate Jenna Starkey went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Courtney Moore was also 2-for-3 with two runs scored for the Panthers (6-2 overall). Joan Cannon slammed a home run for Albany (7-5, 6-4).

Albany (7-5, 6-4).
St. Mary's 4, Salesian 3: The Panthers scored in the top of the seventh to edge the Chieftains. Starkey was 3-for-4 with two RBI, including the game-winning hit. Moore also drove in a run for the Panthers.

Panthers.

Berkeley 6, Hercules 0: Sarah
Neuhaus fired a one-hitter to improve to 11-3 this season and also
scored a run for the host Yellow
Jackets (12-3, 6-0 ACCAL) on
Monday.

Berkeley 15, De Anza 0:
Neuhaus pitched a one-hitter in
this four-inning game on Friday,
and teammate Darcey KurashigeElliott was 1-for-2 with a triple,
three RBI and four runs scored.
St. Mary's 15, St. Elizabeth
0: Starkey fired a one-hitter in
the three-inning game Friday
with seven strikeouts, and batterymate Paige Freiberger was 3for-3 with three runs scored and
three RBI. Moore added two hits
and drove in five runs in the
game.

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BOYS VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito d. De Anza: The Gauchos clinched the ACCAL championship with a 25-17, 25-20, 25-19 victory over the Dons at Portola Middle School in El Cerrito on Tuesday. The Gauchos (21-5, 9-0 ACCAL) have a two-match lead over Berkeley with one to go. It was the 65th straight league win for El Cerrito. Ramon Herrera passed for 26 assists and Don Miguel Tutass had 11 kills for the Gauchos. BASEBALL

Albany 4, St. Joseph Notre
Dame 3: The host Cougars
scored all four of their runs in
the sixth inning to edge the Pilots on Monday. Brandon Adney
was 2-for-4, and teammate Tom
Supple pitched six innings of sixhit ball with five strikeouts.

hit ball with five strikeouts.

El Cerrito 14, Richmond 2:
Darnell Quinney struck out 11
Oilers in four innings, and teammate Marquis Evans was 3-for-3
with three runs, 2 RBI and four
stolen bases in the host Gauchos'
win on Monday in this 4½-inning

game.
Pinole Valley 1, El Cerrito 0:
One day after the Gauchos defeated Pinole Valley in El Cerrito,
the Spartans countered on Saturday in Pinole to square their
season series. Mark Severy went
the distance for El Cerrito, yield-

ing just four hits.

El Cerrito 4, Pi
Despite getting ju
the Gauchos were s
18 runners on base
It only resulted

ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Micra Division

Middle Division

Red Oak Realty Rebels 8, Zonta Club Bulldogs 2: The Rebels came out with strong offense and defense. Boothe Cartson's pitching and excellent fielding by Molly Greene held the Bulldogs scoreless in the first two innings. The Rebels' bats were blazing with doubles by Claire Shellem and Camille Obata. In addition, Bailey Wockner had a long hir thot the out-field. The Bulldogs then threatened the Rebels' lead. With fast, accurate pitching, Sasha Kramer shut down the Rebels' batters in the second and third innings. On offense, Christina McCue hit a double, and Reid Schnider, Sammie Chiang, Leah Henry, Shira Rothman and Emily Cain contributed singles.

Older Division

phins' win with hits that each brought two out three, but Adobe scored twice or gressive base running by Jillian Jer and Sydney Morrone. Ridley led off th

Local rowers excel for Strokes

Several local rowers earned medals for the Oakland Strokes at the Long Beach Junior Invita-tional last weekend.

Ayla Koening of Berkeley High School and Alex Hannah of Albany were both members of the girls freshmen eight that won a gold medal. Zoe Janachek of Berkeley was a member of the girls junior varsity eight squad that also won gold.

Nathan Carbairt

Nathan Carbajal of St. Mary's won two silvers, in the boys freshman eight-A competition and the boys freshman four competition. Benton Schoenwald, also of St. Mary's, was a member of the men's freshman eight-A team.

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minutes. B
"AQUAMARINE": Set in a beach resort, where two friends, Claire and Haley, are about to be separated (one is moving to Australia). Then the duo finds a mermald in the pool, which means they have to deal with the mermald, the moving-away thing and a cute, blond lifeguard named Ray. Nothing original here, but there's a sense that the script understands how 'tween girls think.—C. Hewitt. (PG: mild language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C+
"ASK THE PILST": Salma Havek is

ASK THE DUST": Salma Hayek is sultry and Colin Farrell is studly, but they have zero chemistry in this cheesy, clueless Depression-era romance directed by the venerable Robert Towne, who wrote the screenplay for "Chinatown." — R. Myers. (R: some sexuality, nudity, language.) 1 hour, 57 minutes: D+

hour, 57 minutes. D+

"AWESOME: ... I SHOT THAT!": The
Beastle Boys handed out video cameras to 50 fans and told them to go
wild gathering footage of rihelr soldout October 2004 Madison Square
Garden show. The intention was to
capture an authentic audience experience. The result: a jerky, headacheinducing experience that is almost
unwatchable. — C. Lemire. (R: language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

guage.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C
"BASIC INSTINCT 2": Psychopathic novelist Catherine Trammel (Sharon Stone) lures a control-freak psychiatrist (an anemic David Morrisey) into her kinky parlor. But it takes more than 90 minutes for this bozo to muster up the chutzpah to go there. That's part of the problem in this unsexy sequel to the 1992 steamathon. Stone outraceously brings this baby sexy sequento the 1992 steamathon. Stone outrageously brings this baby home, and even sports a nifty hair style that should become all the rage at beauty shops. – R. Myers. (R: strong sexuality, nudity, violence, language and some drug content.) 1

hour, 53 minutes. C"THE BENCHWARMERS": David
Spade and Jon Heder are two virginal
nerds whose lifetime of getting
picked on Is averaged when they join
their pal, Gus (Rob Schneider), for a
three-on-nine baseball scrimmage
against some Little League builles. If
flatulence, crotch-kicks, tequila-benders and nerd revenge are your
thing, by all means, head to a multiplex. — R. Moore. (PG-13: crude and
suggestive humor, and language.) 1
hour, 20 minutes. D
"BRICK": A film noir set mostly in a
Southern California high school
sounds a lot like a "Saturday Night
Liva" skit. But first-time director Rian
Johnson makes it sing, paying reverence to movies of the past while
bringing in a contemporary spin.
Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Mysterious
Skin") is excellent as a tough-talkin'
teen out to nab his ex-girlfriend's
killer. The journey takes him Into a
suburban world of drug-dealing, full
of freaks and geeks. Done in a style
that boldly reinvigorates a film genre.
— R. Myers. (R: violence, drug content.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A"BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN": Two
cowboys (Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath

tent.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A"BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN": Two
cowboys (Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath
Ledger) fall unexpectedly in love in
director Ang Lee's masterful ode to
the West and romance. The pair mee
and find themselves impossibly attracted to each other while herding
sheep on Brokeback Mountain, then
form a clandestine relationship that
lasts 20 years. Everything about this
beautiful and evocative film works,
from the cast to the direction to the
score. — R. Myers. (R: sexuality, midity, language and some violence.) 2
hours, 14 minutes. A
"CAPOTE": Philip Seymour Hoffman

"THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE": The childlike wonder ment we experienced when we first

encountered the magical world of author C.S. Lewis is replicated in this enchanting adaptation. Four children living in England's countryside during WWII enter a wardrobe that takes them to a winter wonderland where an evil White Witch (Tide Swinton) with killer fashion sense is in a tug-of-war with a majestic and virtuous lion (voiced by Liam Nesson). The film with Christian themes lags as it enters its more talky third final act, but "Narnia" casts quite a spell. — R. Myers. (PG: battle sequences, frightening moments); 2 hours, 20 minutes. B+

"CSA: THE CONFEDERATE
STATES OF AMERICA": Filmmaker
Kevin Willmott adroitly combines the
techniques of the mock documentary
with the philosophy of alternate or
"what if" history. It provocatively presents the world as it would be if the
South had won the Civil War and
slavery persisted to this day. A world
that, in a savage twist, is closer to the
one we live in than we might imagine.

— K. Turan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 30
minutes. B-

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an African expedition for a fabled ido!
The statue is just the thing needed to
boost the museum's falling attendance, but naturally the mission
doesn't go as planned. Tad's main
trophy from Africa is the friendly little
monkey, whose high jinks back in the
big city help save the museum. — C.
Covert. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B
"DATE MOVIE": The "brainchild" of
two members of the "Scary Movie"
writing tearn skewers the romantic
comedy genre. Just as spoofy and
trashy as those other movies, but
maybe a tad more sophisticated.
Could be better material, or the acting iffs of Alyson Hannigan ("American Pier"). — B. Strauss. (PG-13": sex,
language.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. B
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"DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK
PARTY": A good-timey vibe lasts
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the restlessness and confusion of
adolescence in ways both funny and
profound. Best friends Flama and
Moko have the day mapped out —
junk food and video games. But you
know what they say about the bestlaid plans. This is one of those beautifully observed movies in which not
much seems to happen, but in reality,
everything does. — G. Whipp. (R):
language, some drug content; in
Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 25
minutes. B+
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"FAILURE TO LAUNCH": Misguided enough to think we want to see Terry Bradshaw's saggy fanny. We'd much rather see the well-toned rears of attractive leads Sarah Jessea Parker and Matthew McConaughey. A zigzagging comedy about a diehard bachelor still living at home (McConaughey) and the woman hired to woo him away. The supporting characters, including Kathy Bates and Zoey Deschanel, steal the show.—R. Myers. (PG-13: sexual content, partial nudity, language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

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"FREEDOMLAND": A white woman (Julianne Moore) says she was carjacked by a black man, a claim that sets off racial tension in a New Jersey housing project and leads to a search for the missing child she claimed was in her back seat. This intense, morally complex thriller also stars a solid Samuel L. Jackson as a detective skeptical about her story. The movie has its failings, including a miscast Moore, but it is gripping and takes us to places we don't expect. — R. Myers. (R. language and some violence)

"FRIENDS WITH MONEY": A quartet of marvelous actresses — Frances McDormand, Catherine Keener, Joan Cusack and Jennifer Aniston — shine in this wry and observant comedy-drama about a group of Southern California women coping with life, mates and money ... or the lack of it. Writer/director Nicole Holofcener proves yet again how astute she is at exploring the minds and emotions of complex female characters. R. Myers. (R. language, some sexual situations, brief drug use.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. A-



"GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK":
George Clooney directed, wrote and
co-stars in this sharp black-and-white
film about veteran newsman Edward
R. Murrow's tangle with anti-Communist fanatic Joseph McCartry (wisely
depicted in archival footage). The film
both educates and entertains, reminding us of an important episode
in history that resonates today. —R.
Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements,
brief language,) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A
"HARD CANDY": Hayley, a precocious 14-year-old, hooks up via the
Internet with Jeff, a successful 32year-old photographer. The gilf ratchets up the tension with increasingly
daring intimations, then quickly turns
the tables on Jeff. As predator becomes prey, this psychological thriller
goes terribly wrong. — K. Crust. (R:
disturbing violent and aberrant sexual
content involving a teen, language.) 1
hour, 43 minutes. C+
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THE HILLS HAVE EYES": Repulsive as this film is, it's also suspenseful and has something serious on its mind: long-term, irreversible effects of bad government decisions. In this case, nuclear testing that resulted in a bunch of mutated, cannibalistic humans who feast on a family that pulls into their deserted corner of the desert. — C. Hewitt. (R: gruesome violence, strong language,) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B THE HILLS HAVE EYES": Repulsive

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"I AM A SEX ADDICT": Either Bay
Area filmmaker Caveh Zahedi is crazy
or daring for making an unvamished
mockumentary about his addiction to
prostitutes. This fascinating but odd
experiment will shock you with its
sexual frankness and make you laugh
too. But at more than 90 minutes, it
overstays its welcome. — R. Myers.
(NR: equivalent of an NC-17 for nudity, sex, drug use and dirty talk.) 1
hour, 38 minutes. B-

"ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN": Three "ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN": Three turry friends — Manny the mammoth, Sid the sloth and Diego the saber-toothed tiger — head out on a jour-ney to find an ark as an ice dam sur-rounding their village threatens to buckle. There are sound moral lessons for the kiddles, and seeing the always enjoyable rat/squirrel Scrat chasing after an elusive acom is fun. But the animation is much bet ter than the screenplay. — R. Myers.

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"INSIDE MAN": This star-studded
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Spike Lee from a slumping career,
but revitalizes the tired genre. Four
robbers, led by Datton Russell (Clive
Owen) take nearly 50 people hostag
at a Manhattan bank. But nothing is
quite as it seems. Denzel Washingto
is the negotiator on the scene. — R.
Myers. (R: language, some violent
content,) 2 hours, 9 minutes. A-

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MAS)": In mining the strange but true stories of Christmas fraternization across enemy lines, writer-director Christma Carion beautibilly captures a moment in time during World War I when the impersonal madness in the trenches ebbs amid a spirit of holiday cheer. — D. Germain. (R: war violence, brief sexuality; in French, German, English and Latin, with subtitles.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B+

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ask the expert: What should I do if my car breaks down?

Try and pull over to the shoulder or curb. Be aware of safety when exiting your vehicle. Don't get out of your car if you are on the freeway or in a scary neighborhood.

Call for help. One benefit is that almost every person now carries a mobile phone. This allows you to contact the police, AAA, a tow company and your auto garage. Do the best to tell them where you are.

Use your emergency flashers if they work or you can hold down the brake pedal with the ignition key in the "on" position. This way other drivers will know you are there.

Put out emergency triangles or flares. If you're not on the side

of the freeway or you have deemed the area safe then you can exit the vehicle and set up safety items like triangles or flares. Check your fuses. Make a point of knowing where your fuse panel is, have a few spare fuses around. This way for example if a blown fuel pump fuse caused the car to stall, you can replace it yourself and get back on the road.

Have a flashlight somewhere in your car. Check the batteries every so often to make sure they are good. This will allow you to look into the engine compartment or change a tire at night.

If your car has overheated you may have to add water. Wait about 15 - 20 minutes before you open the radiator cap or coolant reservoir tank then add just water. Don't worry about the 50/50 mixture of antifreeze/water since you probably have a eak somewhere.

Don't drive on a flat tire! This will ruin your wheel and end up costing much more than a tire repair or new tire. Change your tire if you can. Use extreme caution if you are on the freeway shoulder. Generally you should never change a left side tire on the freeway – call a tow company. Check your spare tire every once in a while or have your garage do it for you, make sure it is a viable tire. Flat tires are the most common cause for break

Wait a while and try to restart the car. 1990 and later cars are filled with electronic components that tend to fail intermittently. So the likelihood that one of these components may begin to

work again is good.

10) Get the car jumped. Battery failure is a very common cause for breakdown. Red to red (positive to positive) and black to black (negative to negative) Never touch the jumper cables together once one of them is hooked up. This will cause a short which can burn wiring or destroy computer components. Be very careful as this can also cause a spark near the battery. If the battery is leaking fumes this can cause an explosion. If you are in doubt call a towing company.

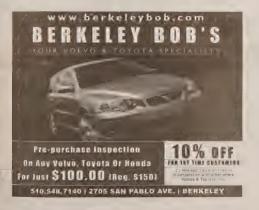
11) Check your gas gauge. The high cost of gasoline has made many drivers wait until they're on empty to refill the tank. We have seen an increase in "out of gas" breakdowns. Another problem is many gauges are not accurate. Running the car low on fuel can harm the fuel system components.

12) It's a good idea to have a road service company. If your vehicle is 10 years old or older or your vehicle has proven not very reliable you should consider a road service. It will not only save you money but provide you peace of mind.

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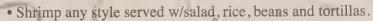
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- animation: www.justdisney.com.

 Disneyland's past attractions, such as Rocket to the Moon and Casa de Fritos, and how they've changed: www.yesterland.com.

 Walt Disney Family Foundation with a virtual museum tour: www.waltdisney.com.

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Fairyland on Oakland's Lake Merritt to Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen.

Miller doesn't remember visiting Fairyland, but she did join her father on a trip to the Ford complex's Greenfield Village, a collection of historic buildings in Dearborn, Mich. It was one of the inspirations for Disneyland's Main Street.

"I believe I was 10 years old, so we must have been on our way home from New York for the opening of 'Victory Through Air Power," she says. That was one of Disney's World War II-era animated films.

Some parks were closer to home in Southern California. "Dad was at Griffith Park a lot," Miller recalls. "There was also a little amusement park in Beverly Hills owned by a couple that had worked at the studio. Sometimes Dad would say, 'Well, I'm going down to Bernice and Dave's."

Miller, who was born in 1933, did not grow up with Disneyland. "I wasn't a toddler when it opened.— I was a young mother with a toddler," she says. She has a photo on display of herself, her father, on the park's opening day.

Her father, she says, was dispanciated that his first grand.



DIANE DISNEY MILLER, who is working with the Walt Disney Family Foundation to create a museum house the collection in San Francisco's Presidio, stands amid a vast collection of Disney memorabilia, including a photo of herself as a child with her mother and father.

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that it's grown," she says. "I think he would be surprised that people would be so taken with some of the rides that they could not take them out." With a sweep of her hand, Miller declares, "He would have totally redone it."

Who knows what Disney, an innovator from the time he was a teenager, would do with Web sites and podcasts and ring tones? Even on the modest site www.JustDisney.com, visitors can watch media clips, listen to the musical theme from the Disneyland TV show and get instant answers through "Ask Walt."

Theme parks, even with ultimate Tomorrowlands, might seem old-fashioned to youngsters whose cell-phone screens are their windows on the world.
"I'm not really comfortable in this digital age," Miller says. "I just sent my first e-mails, and one of them came back.

"You know, that may be one of the most enduring things about Disneyland. You have real people all around you, not virtual people."

Reach Robert Taylor at 925-977-8428 or

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SOCCA OVEN



(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

REVIEW VISIT ON APRIL 17

- PRICES: \$ (\$5.25-\$7.25).
 FOOD COST (before tax and tip): \$30.75; five socca.
- STRIKEOUT: Chicken.
- DESSERTS: None.

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croscopic analysis, the pleasure of buying them inside Epicurious Garden makes his socca seem so much more than the sum of their ingredients. Two doors up from

Saturdays; 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

CONTACT: 510-548-6001.

PARKING: Metered street parking.

KIDS: Socca toppings might be too adult for most kids.

DATE OPENED: March 18.

STRIKEOUT: None. VEGETARIAN: Three choices. DESSERTS: Mango Mousse with Chocolate Sauce (\$3.75) is airy and deligate.

Food

- HOURS: Lunch 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily; dinner 4:30-9 p.m. daily.

- CONTACT: 510-547-3444.

 PARKING: Metered street and lot parking:

Chez Panisse, the place is a Ferry Building-style slice of foodie in-dulgence, albeit on a much smaller scale and with a con-temporary wood-and-concrete

informal.

You can score soup and fancy caviar, Ciao Bella gelato, sushi from Berkeley's perennially popular Kirala, fancy teas from Imperial Court and slugs of wine doled out from electronic tasting stations (a la VinoVenue in San Francisco). Socca Oven may be the most handsome of all the stalls, with walls covered in fauxpainted copper patina, a rambling open prep kitchen and a gas-fired Wood Stone oven that serves as irresistible focal point. If Socca Oven is a good spot for Saturday lunch, Jacquet's second Gregoire takeout food shop is an appealing place to pick up dinner before braving the slow crawl home through the Caldecott.

Gregoire Number Two inhabits a small, Julia Morgan-designed storefront on Oakland's Piedmont Avenue, midway between kidfriendly Fenton's Creamery and Bay Wolf, the East Bay's proto-Cal-Med upscale restaurant. It's a fitting location: Gregoire strives to infuse weeknight family takeout with the sensibilities of fine restaurant cooking.

Though Gregoire is focused on takeout, you can eat there, on a narrow counter that looks out on the street or a few barstools smack up against the demonstration cooking line. It's amazing to be so close to the cooking—you can talk to the line cook as he dredges halibut cheeks in flour, or tosses a thin steak onto the gas grill. Sometimes—when the orders pile up and the flustered cook starts flailing and mumbling to himself—you feel a little too close to the action. But

the closeness underscores the idea that the kitchen has absolutely nothing to hide. You become intimately involved with your dinner. It all feels a bit like a cooking demo.

The simple menu changes every month. April brings meaty, sparklingly fresh Sauteed Alaskan Halibut Cheeks (\$15) with a little plastic cup of pale, cold onion relish. Grilled Montana Top Sirloin Steak (\$16.50) has good beef flavor, but it's been marinated too long and the texture is slightly flannelly. It comes with a mango relish that's nice rather than amazing (the mango's been poached, I think, and has the texture of canned peaches).

A Catalan Farm Red Letture

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A Catalan Farm Red Lettuce Salad (\$5.50) is cold and refreshing, with dark brown croutons and a typically French dose of spicy Dijon mustard in the vinaigrette. Soup of the Day (\$4.25) — today it's roasted shallot and carrot — has a typically French suaveness, a mild, sweet vegetal flavor and silken unctuousness.

Few chefs do potatoes as well as Jacquet. Crispy Potato Puffs (\$4.25), Gregoire's signature croquettes, are delicious as ever, rusty-brown and crispy on the outside, creamy and appealingly pasty inside. Green Garlic Potato Gratin (\$4.25) is fantastic, with a delicate brown crust and a soft interior enhanced with a puree of green garlic shoots. The whiff of allium is as charming and refined as Gregoire itself.

Reach East Bay food writer

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in this DVD. Sadly, that's the
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confusing film that revolves
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grade-schooler who excels on
the spelling bee circuit while
her emotionally challenged
family crumbles like an ancient Torah. Richard Gere
plays a deeply spiritual rabbi
who can't seem to relate to his
own family while Juliette
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This romantic comedy is built on the clever plot device of a 30-something, Jennifer Aniston, discovering that her Orange Country country club family served as the basis for the famous 1967 film "The Graduate." Lots of amusing, angst-ridden soul-searching ensues, along with many laughs—most served up like a perfect martini by Shirley MacLaine as Aniston's boozeswilling grandmother and the alleged inspiration for Mrs. Robinson. MacLaine steals the film, and shines in a way we haven't seen since "Terms of Endearment." This DVD is a winner, and a great choice for your date night at home. (PG-13: Sexual content and crude humor). I hour and 36 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
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Kids: 1 star
Teens: 2½ stars
Adults: 3 stars
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Like a gambling addict who keeps thinking the next role of the dice will get him out of the hole, Hollywood just can't seem to stop making films based on comic books and cartoon characters. If this celluloids nake eyes is an indication, it may be time to call an intervention. Set in the future in a Big Brother-run-amok world, Charlize Theron plays Aeon, a freedom-loving assassin who jaunts around in an outfit seemingly bought at a dominatrix yard sale. Yes, she is a talented actress and very easy on the eyes, but that's not nearly enough to save this DVD. It's hard to know what is worse in this live-action clunker: the acting, direction or script. Heck, let's call it a draw — they are all atrocious. Keep your kids away from this DVD — it has the entertainment and intellectual value of a floating goldfish. (PG-13: Sex and violence). 1 hour and 33 minutes.

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J.B. Alderman lives in Piedr and can be reached at jason@alderman.net or via www.PhDVD.com.

Thanks for the magic memoria

glimpse of Disneyland; permanent museum planned for Presidio

By Robert Taylor

Some people preserve family memories in scrapbooks and dresser drawers, filling them with vintage photographs of Mom and Dad, mementos of wartime service, souvenirs of that first trip to Disneyland.

Diane Disney Miller has all that, too — and she's planning a museum to share it with us.

It will be a lot more than a scrapbook, but it won't look like a monument, a theme park or a shopping mall. Instead, if Miller and the Walt Disney Family Foundation succeed, it will fill one of the historic red brick buildings in San Francisco's Presidio with an intimate glimpse of Walt Disney — man, artist, entrepreneur and father.

So far, the foundation's archive is housed in a plain, unmarked barracks building that looks as promising as a forlorn warehouse. But once inside, Miller leads a visitor through treasure after treasure of Disney lore. At the age of 72 — she was born five years after Mickey Mouse — Miller is bubbling with energy and enthusiasm.

Who wouldn't be thrilled to share all this? The wartime memento is a copy of caricatures Walt Disney sent home from the front during World War I; too young to join the Army, he was a Red Cross ambulance driver instead. The Disneyland photos include Miller as a young adult on opening day, with her dad and son Chris in an Autopia car.

Gamely, Miller perches on one of the Autopia cars in the archive collection for a photograph; lifts the lid of the caboose her father built for the scale-model railroad outside their house in Holmby Hills; and takes another look at the original artwork for a Saturday Evening Post story she was credited with writing, "My Dad Walt Disney."

There is more at every turn — Disney's lifetime of awards, a poster for "Bambi," and Victorian-era furniture from the apartment her father maintained above the Disneyland fire station, complete with writing, "My Dad Walt Disney."

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INCLUDED IN Oakland Museum's "Behind the Magic" exhibit are artists' renderings of the Dumbo ride, top, the Land of Top photo of an "Alice in Wonderland"-inspired attraction.



EXHIBIT PREVIEW

WHAT: "Behind the Magic 50 Years of Disneyland"





Taking up the gauntlet in Gourmet Ghet

By John Birdsall

By John Birdsall
CORRESPONDENT
Gregoire Jacquet's socca may be some of the quirkiest things to come out of an East Bay oven since Pizza Antica started charring ultra-thin-crust pizzas in Lafayette. Try the Cod (\$6.25), an individual-size disc of blackened chickpea-flour dough. It's smeared with purple-black olive tapenade and whiskery flakes of salt cod, with a squiggle of lemony aioli on top.
The crust, where it's not blackened, has that gravelly garbanzo bean taste, the cod is sweeter and milder than your average tuna fish sandwich, and the olive paste is salty and tannic in a way that makes your mouth water. Even the aioli is surprisingly delicate, a clean whiff of lemon without the burn of to much garlic.
There's no doubting Jacquet's ability to charm with even the most unlikely dishes. And it can't be easy establishing your street credibility in Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto. Not when you're within throwing distance (with a disc of artisan

washed-rind cheese) of the Cheeseboard Collective, and the resinous fragrance of wood smoke from the pizza oven at Cafe Chez Panisse is a heady reminder of the neighborhood's plush tenants.

But Jacquet has done it twice. First in 2002 with the opening of Gregoire, his boutique takeout food shop that scored instant approval from a very Berkeley mix of the affluently young and scruffy. The 36-year-old native of Versailles, France, cooked up an amiable persona for himself, thanks to unshaven Gallic charm and signature knit caps (his wife makes them). He branded his shop with a cursive logo that's loopy and playful (it reminds you of "Babar" and "The Little Prince"), and delicious potato croquettes.

Last month, Jacquet unleashed the equivalent of a hiphop throwdown with Socca Oven, a gleaming food counter in Berkeley's new Epicurious Garden gourmet food mall.

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Section I

ne all-new 2007 Toyota Camry should continue its lofty reign

BY TOM KEANE

lest-selling car in America fo the past nine years has raised to a new level. That car is the

asis this was not an easy task for the sand engineers, as they wanted to re Camry's conservative image stylen, athletic, modern image. At the they sought new standards mance for both the conventional

se look is more modern with a on set on a longer wheelbase, a ock, and the wheels pushed to met. This gives the sedan the apof more strength. I was also hassis was made more rigid by not the cowl front to the upper not lowers. Also, numerous comhroughout the car are designed the and absorb impact energy in ord a crash.

of a votation of the line 2007 to model, it had a V6 engine with the transmission plus many feathed my test-drive week very entre MSPF for this model was oner Camy models are the CE, clus a hybrid version, which has any ratings of 40 miles per gallon to enablishmen.

the features of the V6 engine enable Valve Timing with intellilich features less noise and vihis engine produces 268 horse-6,200 rpm and 248 pounds-foot

of the additional standard feate XLE model included a remote entry and eight-way adjustable vers seat. My tester contained ons as a 440-wast JBL Premium desh CD changer with Bluetooth fee capability and eight speakfee power tillside moonroof with oal lights, 16-inch alloy wheels, med seats and a dual-zone autimate control system with restering wheel controls. The air solasmacluster lonizer technol-



KEANE ON WHEELS

ogy to help reduce airborne contaminants and odor from the passenger compartment. Another option is a smart entry system with push button start and heated driver and front passenger seats.

For safety, this new Carny has vehicle stability control with traction control. It also has an auto-dimming electronic rearview mirror with company

The interior seemed more spacious compared to the previous model. The designers made changes with the dash panel to improve visibility and make it easier to use the controls. The dash now has a two-level configuration with the upper level moved toward the front of the car, which provides the impression of additional roominess.

The audio/HVAC control panel, with separate right and left zones, now feature

TOYOTA CAMRY XLE

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Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, midsize, f	front-wheel drive sedan
Suggested Retail		
Engine Type		/-6 24-valve VVT-i w/EFI
Mileage		City/highway 22/31

previously, with larger lettering and luminescence for easier use at night.

One instrument displays the outside temperature, cruising range, average speed, average fuel consumption, and the codmeter, all of which gave me the impression of a well-designed, well-though

ut passenger compartment.

I also noted the numerous storage spaces around the front-passenger area including a large console box equipped with an accessory power socket and a compartment large enough to store eight CD jewel cases.

The engine is reasonably quiet and road noise is low. Handling and acceleration are excellent for a sedan of this size. And the list of safety features throughout are quite impressive; thus I felt very comfortable behind the wheel. As for the next nine years, I wouldn't be surprised that Camry will maintain its lofty status.

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2007 Tokyo Motor Show to be more comprehensive

BY MICHELLE KREBS

NEW YORK — At the New York International Auto Show, the organizers of the Tokyo Motor Show held an unusual press conference — their first at a U.S. auto show. The lightly attended briefing was to announce changes in future Tokyo shows. What wasn't said at the press conference was that the changes are intended to stave off increasingly stiff competition from China's annual auto shows and address Tokyo's ongoing struggle to be international and relevant.

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as it has faced increasingly stiff competition from China, which alternates its growing annual shows between Shanghai and Beiljing. Non-Japanese automakers, particularly U.S. ones, have shifted resources and introductions to the China shows, since the Japanese market is not friendly to them.

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Instead, GM intends to make its big Asian splashes at the China shows, which makes sense, since it is a market where GM does well. Ford's exhibit at Tokyo last fall was also smaller. Tokyo's auto show has long had a parochial, local feel, which seems Ironic, considering that Japan is the home country of Toyota, which is about to overlake GM as the world's number-one automaker any day now, as well as the global powerhouses of Honda and Nissan. The floor of the convention is representative the local marketplace—heavily dominated by the Japanese, as

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Japanese automaker, and some foreign ones, displayed hybrids and/or
fuel-cell cars.

And there were fewer "girls." The
only women in the Japanese auto
industry are those modelling at the
auto show, and the Tokyo show has
been famous for young Japanese
female models dressed in skimpy
clothes and go-go boots from a bygone era. There was far less skin or
display last fail.

Masao Oka, director of the Tokyo
Motor Show Department of the
Japan Automobile Manufacturers
Association, which sponsors the
show, said starting with the 40th
Tokyo Motor Show held in 2007, the
show will be a comprehensive one.
That is, it will display passenger cars
and motorcycles along with commercial vehicles, and will be held
every two years. Oka said the move
marks the first change in the shows
format in a decade. For the past 10
years, passenger cars and motorcycles have been displayed one
year with commercial vehicles exhibited the following year.

In some ways, Tokyo returns to
its roots. The first Tokyo show was
held in 1954, in the period of World
War II reconstruction when Japan
was rebuilding its vehicle industry.
That first show included mostly
commercial vehicles, motorcycles
and three-wheelers, with only 17
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Other unforgettable rides climb from the southern tip of Lake Superior toward the Canadian border along state Route 61, or hug the shoulders along the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway in Wyoming. Others meander through history along "The Trace" in the Land Between the Lakes in Kentucky and Tennessee. Still others cruise down a desert high-way well-stocked with gas stations — but no roadwork — or crisscross the Rio Grande along the Life. "Mexico border."

ay well-stocked with gas sta-nos — but no roadwork — or sisscross the Rio Grande along e U.S.-Mexico border. Each ride features its own ap highlighting the route, surby points of interest and ge-raphic features. The rides also clude useful touring informa-n, suggested side trips, best

tourism resources, and other insider tips.
"We've enjoyed a long association with Hariey-Davidson and were thrilled to partner with them on this exciting venture," said Laurie Borman, Rand McNally's editorial director. "For this book, we talked with Harley-Davidson riders about what they wanted and needed in a ride atlas and trip guide. The result the Harley-Davidson Ride Atlas of North America is the ultimate motorcycle enthusiast's book, incorporating the best of all the sug-

some of the most incredible rides in North America, hand-picked by Harley-Davidson and detailed by Rand McNally." In addition to ride maps, the Ride Atlas contains reliable, detailed Rand McNally maps of each U.S. state, major U.S. cities, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico. The maps are tailored to riders' needs, with the minor highways and secondary roads highlighted in bold color. The 25 featured rides and other scenic routes also are highlighted brightly.

Each state map features listings, locations and phone numbers of Harley-Davidson dealer-

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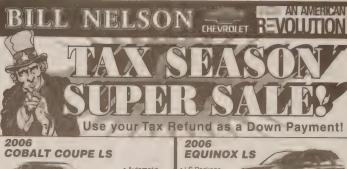
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of nearly 10 percent (185-horsepower) and provides better fue economy than the standard V6 engines from the Honda Accord and Toyota Carny.

A new five-speed gated automatic transmission with Sportmatic is standard on most Optima models. An improved, smoother shifting five-speed manual transmission is standard on the LX four-cylinder model. The all-new K1a Rio is available in three variations: Base and LX four-door sedan models as well as the Rlofs SX five-door. Built on a new platform with a longer wheelbase (98.4-in.) and increased overall width (66.7-in.) and height (57.9-in.) compared to its predecessor and most of its competitors, the wRio has a total interior volume of 92.2 cubic feet, giving all body styles more interior space. than the Honda Civic or Toyota Corolla.

A new 1.6-liter DOHC engine incorporates Continuously Variable Valve Timing to produce 110 horsepower and 107 lbs. 14. ot torque. In addition to being more powerful, this new engine delivers 20 percent better fuel economy, including up to 38 miles per gallon on the highway. As a result, the maximum range for the Rio jumps from less than 370 miles to more than 450 miles — an increase of almost 22 percent.

Also built on an all-new platform with more horsepower and substantially larger dimensions, the 2006 Sedona improves upon the previous generation. The Sedona is available in two trim levels, LX and EX,





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NEWYORK-TIMES SENGES CHATHAM, Ontario — Cops and robbers. Heroes against villains. Good versus evil.

These timeless clashes are not only the essence of countless childhood games, they have also provided starting points for some of history's greatest literary works. The opposing forces will face off once again, if less orninously, next month. On Jan. 20, cars associated with James Bond and Al Capone—characters decidedly on opposite sides of the law— will be offered by RM Auctions in a sale at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix.

The auction catalog bills the James Bond Aston Martin DB5 as "the most farmous car in the world." Perhaps.

What is less debatable is the Abron's achievement as one of the most successful product placements in the combined history of the movie and automobile industries. Despite BMW seffors to borrow some of the fame, the moviegoing public still associates Agent (Or most closely with the specially outlifted Aston Martin. Never mind that in the lan Fleming books that provided the story lines for the movies, Bond's favorite car was a Bentley.

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This "effects" car was used for the movie and automobile industries, benese, rial spreader, car phone and tracking device. And, of course, a sessenger-side ejection seat.

that applies to this car.

There is evidence that this is the car confiscated by the U.S. treasury department while Capone was being investigated for tax evasion and allegedly used by President Franklin D. Roosevelt until better judgment prevalled. It then wended its way through a variety of owners in England, Canada and the United States. Somewhere along the line, the armor plating — 3,000 pounds worth — was removed. With the armor in place, the car could barely get out of its own way, and the door hinges were doomed to sagging into oblivion. It now drives beautifully, a smooth, majestic car propelled silentity by its high-torque V8 engine.

The drop-down rear window (for firing a machine gun at pursuing cars), inch-thick bulletproof glass and police siren under the hood remain, as does a mysterious flap on the exhaust manifold operated by a rod routed to the driver's compartment. Could this have been used to drip engline oil into the exhaust system to create a smokescreen?

Was this the inspiration for a similar device in 007's Aston Martin?

Only in the world of car collecting would it not seem strange for Al Capone's Cadillac and James Bond's Aston Martin to have both found their way to the Smoky Mountain Car Museum in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. Their destinies will remain joined at least until next month, when these and 112 other cars, with a combined estimated value of \$40 million, cross the stage at the Phoenix auction.

How much are they worth?

RM Auctions estimates that the Aston Martin will sell for \$1 million to \$2.5 million and the Cadillac could bring \$750,000 to \$1 million.

"What's interesting about all three cars is that each was bullt for a specific purpose," said Terry Lobzun, public relations director for the auction company, referring to the 007 and Capone cars as well as a 1964 Pontiac Bonneville convertible from the Smoky Mountain museum collection that belonged to the country singer Hank Williams Jr.

"They parent' valuable just because they were owned by some celebrity," Lobzun said. "Each ref

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By the numbers

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TOTAL SALES: 17 LOWEST PRICE: \$236,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,488,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$700,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$744,382

ALBANY.

TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$679,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$780,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$776,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$745,000

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TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$312,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$510,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$400,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$407,333

RENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3 LOWEST PRICE: \$720,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,241,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$810,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$923,667

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 79 LOWEST PRICE: \$209,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$2,350,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$505,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$634,500

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TOTAL SALES: 33 LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$837,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$440,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$469,409

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TOTAL SALES: 14 LOWEST PRICE: \$397,500 HIGHEST PRICE: \$965,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$600,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$612,893

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TOTAL SALES: 7 LOWEST PRICE: \$395,000 HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000 MEDIAN PRICE: \$534,000 AVERAGE PRICE: \$539,143

Gas stations selling ethanol to grow this year

BY MICHAEL ELLIS

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DETROIT PREE PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Drivers soon will have another choice at the pump beyond regular, premium and diesel.

This year, thousands of filling stations are expected to begin selling E85, a blend of gasoline and ethanol made from corn or other crops.

Advocates of E85 tout the fuel as a made-in-America alternative to imported oil that cuts dirty talipipe emissions, boosts performance and, in some cases, can also save a little money.

Millions of vehicles already on the road can burn E85, but most owners instead fill up with regular gasoline because of a shortage of filling stations offering the alternative fuel.

"You may have an ethanol vehicle in your driveway and not even know it," said Anthony Pratt, senior manager of global powertrain forecasting at J.D. Power and Associates. "It was kind of the dirty little secret of the auto industry."

In years past, automakers made many of their trucks capable of burning E85 to comply with federal gas mileage regulations. But they didn't widely promote ethanol use, so consumers were unaware it was available.

That will likely change in 2006 with gas stations installing more pumps, U.S. automakers stepping up their marketing of E85, and more states such as Michigan

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Louise Rooney is a fairly typical
NASCAR fan. She and her family
watch races every weekend, cheer

and have plenty — plenty! — of NASCAR stuff.
That includes but is not limited to what she calls "the usual." More than two dozen miniature diecast cars. Banners. Hats and jackets. Blankets ("great for tailgating"), sheets and pajamas. Coffee mugs. cups and glasses.
"Oh, I could go on," said Rooney, who lives with her husband Mark and three daughters in Mahopac, N.Y.
According to NASCAR, stockcar racing fans including Rooney purchase about \$2 billion of NASCAR tems annually. That's billion with a "b."
"The products are ubliquitous in retail aisles and in fans' homes," said Andrew Giangola, a NASCAR spokesman.

That incredible brand loyalty coupled with the sport's growth and fan demand for ever-more things NASCAR has created some intriguing objects.

NASCAR-themed and licensed

ms now include:

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■ A line of meats (motto: "Taste the excitement")
■ Chain saws
■ Harlequin romance novels
■ Personal computers
■ Coffee makers
■ Produce (NASCAR potatoes, tomatoes, onions)
■ Furniture, such as racing recliners
■ Walipaper
■ Crock-Pots
■ Scrapbooks
■ Toothbrushes
■ Pet accessories
And, coming later this month, "Daytona 500, the new eau de tolette and aftershave for men."
While some of those may seem a tad silly to non-racing fans — NASCAR meats? — they make perfect sense from a marketing

standpoint.

"In general, people buy sports-related merchandise to represent who they are to others," said Kirk Wakefleid, chairman of the marketing department at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and an expert in the sports realm.

That's why that NASCAR scent might just be a big hit: "if someone says to the person wearing it, hey, you smell good today, they can come back with, yeah, that's my NASCAR cologne," Wakefleid said. It wasn't always this way. Ernie Saxton has been attending racing events since 1955. Back then the only products NASCAR pitched were advertised on the cars, "and they were from oil companies or something to do with the auto industry," Saxton said.

He's been writing about racing issues for decades and is publisher of Motorsports Sponsorship Marketing News, from Langhorne, Pa.

Over the years he's witnessed the impressive NASCAR merchandise juggernaut. "One time there

was even Dale Earnhardt tollet tissue with a big number 3 on it," he sald. "Really."

In addition to all the officially licensed NASCAR products, each driver also cuts his own deals to create merchandise lines with each sponsor, Saxton said. That adds exponentially to the number of racing items out there.

Glangola said the confluence of NASCAR's spread — from its beginnings as a "mainity Southeast emphenomenon" to tracks across the nation — and a big television deal in 2000 sparked massive growth in the popularity-of the already-hot sport.

"There's a whole new fan base, so there's more of an incentive for companies to become involved in manufacturing products," he said.

Add growth in female interest (now 40 percent of some 30 million fans are women) and that means lots more stuff just for them—hence the romance novels, Crock-Pots and scrapbooks.

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Eye on design: Car creators appraise their latest concepts — and in

how.
Trevor Creed, Chrysler's senior fee president of design, is one of he best at putting words to the lay and computer models that his global vice preside 1997. Cars unde

studios produce.
"A concept vehicle is almost ilke an exaggeration, if you will," he said. "If's a cartoon. You do that to grab attention and you risk some people saying, 'I don't like it."
Here are what some star designers said — and showed — at the Detroit show, which runs through Sunday.

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Mazda North America as director
of design early in 2005. He previously worked at General Motors,
where he led design of the Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky roadsters, and at Volkswagen.
On the concept for the Mazda
Kabura: "Kabura stands for the first
arrow launched into battle. It really
signifies our launch into the sport
compact coupe segment. It's a
compact little car with some innovative seating arrangements. Its
three-plus-one seating situation al-

lows for three full-size adults with an occasional use of a bonus seat."

Neat feature: The rear door slides back into the fender rather than opening up. "It creates even more space for Ingress and egress. It's an innovative solution."

On seeing his Sotsitice and Sky in the GM booth: "Walking by those, I always get a little hearthrob."

On the Camaro concept: "I'm not a huge fan of the retro deal, but I think they pulled off a very contemporary looking car, and a good tribute to the Camaro nameplate."

Jack Teinack

Jack Teinack retired as Ford's global vice president of design in 1997. Cars under his watch included the Mustang in 1979 and the Taurus in 1986. He judged the EyesOn Design Awards in Detroit. He now lives in Florida.

On this year's Detroit auto show: "The graphics in the show, the colors, the displays—it's very, very contemporary. I mean this as a compliment, but it doesn't look like Detroit anymore."

On the Kabura: "I think it's a very new interpretation of the Mazda look with the fender flares and what they have on the RX today. This is the next generation. It's definitely a Mazda. It couldn't be anything else."

On the Ford Super Chief

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On the Ford Super Chief plokup concept: "How big can you ge? It's overwhelming, outrageous. But it works. It really works."

On the Chevrolet Camero and Dodge Challenger concepts: "I think they're really good. I'll sound like a real Ford guy, but I think the Mustang still has that

John Cupit

John Cupit is design manager of the exploratory group at Nissan Design America in San Dlego. His studio produced the Urge concept, which blends a sporty car with video game technology.

What young buyers want: Interviews with 2,000 15- to 30-year-olds showed "what's most important — technology and performance, but specifically technology that they use every day," Including cell phones, the Internet, MP3 players and video games.

pony-car segment locked up. The look of the Mustang, the name of the Mustang is magic. The fastback is really great on that car. The Challenger and the Camaro have both gone back to the notchback. You can see the way they evolved from the old Camaro and the old Challenger."

On the new Camry: "A bit of a disappointment, I think. I still get the feeling they're reaching for something they don't know quite where to go. They're trying to make a design statement, but they're not sure the direction they should be moving in."

John Cupit

Ed Welburn

Ed Welburn was named General Motors' vice president, global design in 2005. He joined the automaker in 1972. He runs a design staff of 1,400 with 11 offices in eight countries. In Detroit, he helped unveil the Chevy Camaro concept.

On the strength of the Camaroname: "We see how first-generation Camaros are getting hotter and hotter, and stronger, You can't get a '69 Camaro for under 30 grand. And they're going up to over 200 grand or more. It's crazzy.

On mixing old and new: "We wanted to capture the spirit of those great Camaros, but I made it very clear this had to be a very new car with a very new form vocabulary. The proportions needed to be strong."

His fevorite part of the Cameros in 1972.

cabulary. The proportions needed to be strong."

His favorite part of the Camaro concept: "I love the whole car, but the rear quarter is what I really like. It's those muscles that really like. It's those muscles that really add to the vehicle."

On his yellow 1969 Camaro SS: "I've done a little work on tires, suspension, wheels. It's a car i just enjoy driving. I'il always

Trevor Creed

Trevor Creed

Trevor Creed joined Chrysler in 1985. He's been senior vice president of design since 2000. Born in England, he worked for Ford in England, Germany and the United States before joining Chrysler.

On the old Challenger: "It has a cult following." But, "those cars were not stellar. Let's face it. Fit and finish was horrendous. The proportions, they didn't have some of the things we had today. And they were straight-line cars."

And the new concept: "You take that imagery of the old car,

Supercharged Rover: As good as it gets

Here's a sport utility vehicle that's a whole lot more "sport" than "utility."

BY G. CHAMBERS WILLIAM III

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS

Not that the 2006 Range Rover Sport supercharged model isn't suitable for utility purposes; it actually offers more utility than most other midsize SUVs.

But with a supercharged 390-horse-power V8 engine under the hood, the emphasis truly is on the sport side of the equation.

squation.

Even though it's a rather heavy vehicle, the powerful engine pushes this vehicle along quite impressively, leaving perhaps one question in the mind of a generally inquiring person: Does one really need a sport utility vehicle with this much zip?

Apparently some consumers think so,

EPA ratings of 13 miles per gallon in the city and 18 mpg on the highway apparently aren't much deterrence.

Nor is the \$69,535 base price (plus \$715 feacht)

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Nor is the \$69,535 base price (plus \$715 freight).
With a few extrast acked on, our test model's sticker topped out at \$76,150, which isn't exactly chump change in today's automotive market, where the average 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe transaction price is just more than \$41,000.
Putting some sport into the sport utility genre — albeit for people who can afford expensive cars — is the idea behind the Range Rover Sport, an all-new model this year for British Land Rover.
With a starting price of \$56,750 for a normality aspirated 4.4-liter V-8 model with 300 horsepower, this newest model makes the brand a bit more affordable. The regular Range Rover line for 2006 begins at just over \$75,000 for a normality aspirated 4.9-liter V-8 model with 300 horsepower, this newest model makes the brand a bit more affordable. The regular Range Rover line for 2006 begins at just over \$75,000 for a normality aspirated 4.9-liter V-8 model with 300 horsepower, this newest model makes the brand a bit more affordable. The regular Range Rover line for 2006 begins at just over \$75,000 for a normality aspirated 4.9-liter V-8 model with 300 horsepower, this newest model makes the brand a bit more affordable. The regular Range Rover line for 2006 begins at just over \$75,000 for a normality aspirated 4.9-liter V-8 model starting at just over \$35,000, but start vehicle, discontinued after 2004, was nowhere nearly as luxurious as a Range Rover, and drew a distinctly different clienticale.

The Sport, then, fits in between the midsize Land Rover LR3, which begins under \$40,000, and the regular Range Rover line.

The LR3, introduced for 2005 to replace the aging Discovery model, and the Sport share a midsize chassis; the more expensive Range Rover is grade the substantially different from the chassis of the current Range Rover, which was introduced in 2002. It's based on a BMW design.

The LR3, though, was developed as the first own the second Land Rover developed under Ford, using the control of the substantially diff

price range, most notably the BMW X5, Mercedes-Benz ML500, Porsche Cayenne and Lexus LX 470.

Not having a luxury model that directly competes with the M-class and X-series has hampered Land Rover's efforts under new owner Ford Motor Co. to bring its products into the mainstream.

Land Rover introduced the Range Rover in the United States in 1987 as the first luxury SUV.

Prices have climbed along the way, however. In the early '90s, Range Rover prices began in the upper \$30,000s. Today, that's the price you'd pay for a highend model of the Ford Explorer or Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Land Rover did have the Discovery II model starting at just over \$35,000, but that vehicle, discontinued after 2004, was nowhere nearly as luxurlous as a Range Rover, and drew a distinctly different clientele.

The Discovery's replacement, the LR3, was built on a new nettern develved hyperical contents.

BY PHIL PATTON

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

While elegant prewar classics and rare Italian sports cars are still setting sales records when they cross the auction block, lately it has been automakers' dream cars from the 1950s that are drawing top prices from high-rolling car collectors.

At recent auctions, bloiding wars over futuristic prototypes have turned concept cars like the Oldsmobile F-88 and the Pontiac Bonneville Special — stars of the auto show circuit half a century ago — Into multimilion-dollar trophies for a few prosperous individuals.

But other collectors are becoming intrigued by the two-dimensional equivalents of those fantasy cars. An exhibit of the dreamy drawings of auto designers and advertising illustrators, "Drawing Power: Motor City Ad Art in the Age of Muscle and Chrome," runs through March 30 at the Skillman branch of the Detroit Public Library, which is home to the National Aucomotive History Collection.

Connoisseurs of automotive at are drawn both to visionary sketches rom design studios — many of cars

When cars sat for portraits, truth was often stretched

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While elegant prewar classics and rare Italian sports cars are still setting sales records when they cross wh

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ol cars make their debuts at Detroit's big auto show

ONT THE COOLEST CAR of the show was the Camaro concept car. Al Oppenheiser. Concept Engineering at GM, was in charge of building this concept car.

great place to see what you might be driving down the road someday. Some of these cars you'll yo drive, with all makes and models in one place. And if you're never see driving on the highway, but others end up being modified and then built as regular cars in a couple of years. The show—which features more than 700 cars—Is also a place where you can Thibodeau Jr., stopped to yak with Stuff, too.

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shiny, whether part of Chevy's Camaro concept car or the supersized Super Chief concept truck from Ford.

Sporty: Besides the traditional super sports cars such as the Lamborghinis and the cool Camaro, we liked the sporty concept Ford Reflex. The R in Reflex could also stand for recycling. In this concept car, outer soles of Nike



IN THE FORD REFLEX CONCEPT CAR, outer soles of Nike



SILVER WAS EVERYWHERE at the auto show in Detroit, broken up only by some bright orange (like this hot red Jeep), vellows and reds, with the occasional violet car.

F-250 Super Chief puts Ford on track for future designs

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orts The Super run for 500 veen fill-ups gen, E85 and gasoline stored in

containers

0F-250 SUPER CHIEF CONCEPT on display at the North American International Auto

about the grandeur of living in America and seeing the country's vast expanses in an elegant way.

Based on Ford's F-250 Super Duty pickup with an eight-foot bed, the Super Chief grabs the eyes with an enormous snout and bulging hood — conjuring visions of the sleek, powerful front end of the locomotive from the "streamlined" era. Ford tradition is maintained, too, with a macho interpretation of its signature three-bar grille, with each bar looking as if were carved from a block of metal.

A strong, chiseled line wraps from the front of the hood dome, to the high beltline. These tall body sides leave narrow window glass, giving occupants a feel of protection and echoing the styling of the iconic locomotive.

"They put the driver — In that case the engineer — very high up on the locomotive," she said. "So high up, in fact, that you're really not sure who's driving. And if you look at the train passenger cars, you'll see a very small window graphic and a whole lot of body side."

Keeping the body sides clean are running boards that finish off the doors by automatically flipping down 180 degrees when the doors are shut. Adding to the Super Chief's im-



THE SUPER CHIEF GRABS THE EYES with an enormous snout and bulging hood — conjuring visions of the sleek, powerful front



***NOOK INTERIOR is accented by American walnut wood, brown leather and brushed designed for someone who is entrepreneurial and would conduct business in the truck.

Colors that shift gears: New paints add pizazz to cars, pens, MP3 players and m

BY MATT NAUMAN

KNGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
Barbara Parker stands in front of a glowing Chrysler Concorde that's painted a warm shade of gold. Or a little bit of orange.

Or a brilliant crimson-maroon. "It's pretty spectacular." Parker opines, not quite modestly, since she designed the color. Well, colors plural is more accurate.

More automakers are using color-shifting paint to make their products stand out in the crowded marketplace. It's also found on soccer balls, sit helmets, pens, CD and MP3 players, athletic shoes and other products. And Parker, the color designer for the Fiex Products division of San Jose-based JDS Uniphase, is the creative force behind all that sparkle.

Popular for several years with the "tuner" crowd who modify small, fast (and usually Japanese) cars, the technology is now available on production cars from Nissan, Bulck and Cadillac. More are expected to be available in the near future.

The technology comes from JDSU, a tech-boom-and-bust poster child best known for its contributions to fiber-optic networks. The company once employed 29,000 people, but says it

viewing angle.

SpectraFlair diffracts light, giving a rainbow effect. "If you imagine a potato chip with ruffles on it, that's kind of what it's like," Bie said. He compares it to a hologram, characterizing it as "silver on steroids."

Light magnifies its intensity.

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Overheating engine requires checking many areas

Dear Doctor: I purchased a 1999 Pontiac Grand Am GT with 90,000 miles. Within two months the engine began to overheat. A mechanic installed a water pump and thermostat, but the negline still overheated. I took it to another shop and they replaced the engine. The heat stopped working after the engine was replaced. Another shop sald the engine had a bad head gasket. The next problem was a radiator replacement. Now the car will run fine locally and then overheat on the highway. — Angela Dear Angela: It sounds like the mechanics who worked on the car did not know the order for checking an engine that overheats. The first step is to check the coolant level and condition. Second is to check the temperature of all coolant to morths the "check engine" light has

come on intermittently. The truck also hesitates upon acceleration and stalls when coming to a stop. A computer check indicated the problem is the mass airflow sensor. The shop replaced it, but this did not solve the problem. They replaced it again thinking the part was defective. The engine did run better with the second replacement part, but the "check engine" light er with the "check engine" light estill comes on intermittently. This shop has been unable to solve the problem and I am very disappointed with their service. I am hoping you can help. — Susan

Dear Susan: Start with the computer "check engine" light error message. It reads a code connected with the mass airflow meter. The code means there is a problem in that circuit; it doesn't meant the sensor is bad. Once the code is read, the technician can

dash cover, use non-glare cleaner/sealer. For the seats, use a good quality leather conditioner/sealer. This will help cut down the gases emitting from the vinyl and leather onto the inside glass.

Dear Doctor: | purchased a

Concept car designed in Irvine

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A new concept car

dubbed the Reflex — sprang directly out of Orange County, where motoring trends often start.

"The market in California affords us great insight into the future of the American market," says David Woodhouse, 37, head of the Ford Motor Co. team that designed the Reflex. "That was really what set it all off. That's the reason we're here."

The car debuted at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit to favorable reviews.

"It's a fuel-efficient car that people will want — not be sentenced to," said George Peterson, president of AutoPacific, a Tustin marketing and consulting firm. "It says that everything out there doesn't have to be an econo box."

Here is a look at the twists and turns in the road to creating the Reflex:
February 2005: Ford executives in Dearborn, Mich., greenlight the California Advanced Product Creation Group's idea for a small sedan or "B-car," a market segment led by trendsetters such as the Mill Cooper, Toyota Prius and Honda Element.

The assignment is general: Build an environmentally friendly sports car.

The deadline is specific: Deliver a working model to Detroit in 11 months.

In Ford's studios near the Irvine Spectrum, the eight-member Advanced Product team begins by creating a story for the Reflex. They imagine the owners: a young couple with a child in the back seat, parents who worry about protecting the Earth but love new technology and synthetic materials. They listen to music on an iPod, talk on Razor phones, feed the baby organic food. They want a car that looks cool and goes fast, not their parents' minivan.

"This is a hot sports car. But by the way, it's green," says Tyler Blake, the lead exterior designer.

It takes about three weeks for Blake to visualize a body for the Reflex. One afternoon, he sketches a view of a left rear fender area on a pad of paper. As seen from above, it resembles the haunch of a crouching animal.

"Id da really messy pencil sketch and then went to my computer and tried it out, to

hybrid engine appears through a rear window outlined by exposed electronic circuits. Solar energy panels ornament the roof and hood.

Computer renderings are translated into blueprints and transmitted as mathematical instructions to mechanically mill a clay model of the Reflex. Blake and other designers refine the soft clay by hand, adding a human touch to the computer-generated model. Digital scans of the model are then fed back into the computer to refine the blueprints.

As the exterior develops, Fairuz Arabo assembles materials for the interior. She proposes felt carpets, doors and a dashboard covered in a combination of polyurethane and sound-absorbing plastic made from recycled Nike soles. To save space and weight, Arabo covers the seats in webbing, a look inspired by office furniture.

"We're identifying trends so we can apply them and bring out a new trend," says Arabo, the only woman on the team. "There's a theme here of new beginnings, a couple with a baby in back. We have to tell this story in color and materials, to define the emotions without words. My approach isn't automotive. It's about the feeling."

April: Blake's original drawing shows a pair of guill-wing doors hinged at the top, a configuration the designers realized put too much stress on the solar-paneled roof.

The team builds a cardboard model of the cab to test different doors. They try hinges in front and back, hinges that swing up like scissors. Finally, they try a hinge that opens at a 45-degree angle, attached to the car's haunch, where the frame is strongest. They call it a "reverse-butterfly door." It works on a visual and functional level as if it had been planned. "The planets aligned," Blake says.

June: Freeman Thomas — designer of the revived Volkswagen Beetle, the Audi TT and the Chrysler's design studios in Carisbad.

A new leader can throw a project into turmoil, but Woodhouse says that Thomas integrated smoothly into the team, using his experience to tweak the design rather than tear it up. Thomas, 48, spends hours study



A NEW CONCEPT CAR — dubbed the Reflex — debuted at the North American International Auto Sho

SELL YOUR CAR, BOAT OR MOTORCYCLE THROUGH THE CLASSIFIEDS IN HILLS NEWSPAPE

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Smaller cars — from Honda, Toyota, Nissan — are making big move into U.S. market



THE YARIS, FROM TOYOTA, will replace the Echo. The 2007 Yaris will sell for \$11,000 to \$14,000 as either a four-door sedan or three-door lift-back when it goes on sale in March.

Road rage: Ways to keep your anger under control

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Concept features the sporty seven-speed Direct Shift Gearbox.

Long leating: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administra-tion said passenger cars and light trucks are racking up more miles than ever with passenger car mileage now surpassing 150,000 miles. Most pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans are crossing the 180,000-mile barrier. The report found that, in terms of years, passenger cars are lasting longer, while SUVs and other light trucks are not running as long as before. (Source:



With wagons' comeback, new interest in originals in the last in th

BY DAVE KINNEY

NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

Taking a cue from generations of clothing designers, automakers are finding success in repackaging old ideas and presenting the reborn products as the latest in must-have vehicles.

While Old Navy was busy convincing millions of shoppers that they needed capripants, BMW struck gold with a 21st century Mini and Dodge renewed Americans' relationship with something a bit older: the station wagon.

Though the wagon's comeback has been building momentum for years, it may be the Dodge Magnum — a vernacular American vehicle in its size, rear-wheel-drive layout and V-8 power plant — that finally restored this body style to car buyers' shopping lists. With a sinister look not usually seen on family haulers, and a boost from the waning popularity of truckish SUVs, the Magnum grabbed the attention of buyers who had no connection to earlier forms of the universal suburban workhorse.

Before station wagons appeared, there were truck-based vehicles known as depot hacks. Used to transport people and goods to and from the train station, depot hacks were not factory-built, but were truck chassis fitted with replacement bodies by owners or fleet operators. The wood bodies, with two or three rows of wooden bench seats, were open to the elements save for a hard roof and canvas side panels.

This basic design became one of the industry's earliest crossover vehicles, the car-based station wagon; in 1929, Ford became the first automaker to use the design to rearbased station wagon; in 1929, Ford became the first automaker to use the design to rearbased station wagon; in 1929, Ford became the first automaker to use the design to rearbased station wagon; in 1929, Ford became the first automaker to use the design to rearbased station wagon; in 1929, Ford became the first automaker to use the design for a transition, for or an early 1950s, but steel bodies beca

Involved the third-row seat. "All the kids had to take turns in the dreaded rear-facing seat," he said. "After about a week, the smaller kids got a reprieve because of their chronic car sickness, so Lynn and I saw most of the USA backwards. NASA could have used it to train astronauts how to fight nausea."

"On the positive side," Stitzer said, "there's nothing at Disneyland quite as thrilling as traveling at 75 miles per hour on the Ventura Freeway looking up the nostilis of a big rig driver who is Inches from your rear bumper."

More than 35 years later, the Stitzers inevitably recall the adventure at family gatherings. "It was a life-defining trip for everyone in my family," Stitzer said.

Not all station wagons were built or bought exclusively for family transportation; some came from the factory with high-performance engines and even four-speed manual transmissions.

Now prized by collectors, these hot-rod wagons all seem to come with the same basic story: Dad wanted a high performance coupe while Mom would agree only to a car that the whole family could use on weekends or for the family trip. These wagons can command a premium of as much as 50 percent over their utilitarian cousins. As minivans and later SUVs grew in popularity, the full-size American station wagon almost disappeared. General Motors built the last of its full-size wagons in 1996; Ford later dropped the Taurus and Mercury Sable wagons. European au-

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get process to help showcase the finished space and enhance your enjoyment of it," Sundet advises.

• Design by spaces: Design your outdoor spaces to meet your family's versatile needs, including entertaining, lounging, dining, working and relaxation. Dining sets are a staple item, but just one of many available options. For example, barheight tables and chairs work well in poolside areas to facilitate a bird's eye view over young swimmers; chat chairs and tables are perfect for intimate conversation areas; and re-



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colorful pillows or throws. Mix solid
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Far and away, the one chore Moms would gladly surrender is cleaning the house, with 59 percent saying they abhor the chore. In fact, by nearly a two-to-one margin, respondents would rather have a maid than a personal trainer.

Respondents had a lot to say about celebrity moms, too. Oscarwinner Reese Witherspoon can add "Hippest Mom" to her list of accolades, thanks to the women polled, who chose her for the distinction over other famous moms, including Kelly Ripa, Kate Hudson and Jennifer Garner. Respondents also predicted that Jennifer Lopez and Jennifer Aniston would be the celebrities most likely to become pregnant this year.

The Lifetime Women's Pulse Poll also found that women looking for a "Mr. Mom" to clean their house and take care of the kids

selected Tim McGraw, beating out "Dr. McDreamy" (Patrick Dempsey from "Grey's Anatomy"). But when the vacuuming's done and they're looking for someone to tuck them in at night, Matthew Fox ("Lost") and Ricardo Antonio Chavira ("Desperate Housewives") were the chocolate on the pillow, edular of the control of the pillow, edular of the chocolate on the pillow, edular of the control of the pillow, edular of the pillow edular of the pi

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"Clearly, Americans view Mother's Day as a chance to resconnect with their moms, regardless if they talk once a day or once

Top teen chef shares a few of her recipes for entertaining

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Adreena Winnfield knows a little aomething about cooking. As winner of The Art Institutes Best Teen Chef 2005 scholarship competition, Winnfield beat out competitors from all over the U.S. and Canada to take home the prestigious title and a full scholarship worth \$35,000 to study zullnary arts.

Winnfield began cooking at the age of 11, watching her mother and grandmother make wonderful dishes hat fed the spirit of her large family. Now enrolled in the Cullinary Arts program at The Art Institute of California/Orange County, Adreena is looking forward to some time off from chool to kick back, relax with friends and family and get back to the foods the grew up on

noward to some time on moot to kick back, relax with friends of family and get back to the foods of family and get back to the foods of family and up in a city like San incisco, there are so many great cess to take a picnic lunch and end the afternoon eating and right gout," she says. "But in my lily, we also love a good backyard stogether where we bring the food side, right from the kitchen." Winsled includes her favorites like maccheese, stuffed mushrooms and key meatballs on that menu. Since winning the Best Teen Chef mpetition last May, Winnfield has duated from high school, moved Orange County for her culinary cation, and learned the challenge of fun of being independent for the time.

"Culinary school is amazing, and m learning so many techniques and pproaches to cooking that I never new before," says Winnfield. "But when I head up to visit family in San rancisco, I'm looking forward to a backyard picnic with my favorite bods, and my family in the kitchen cooking beside me."

The Art Institutes system of 32 ducation institutions (www.artintitutes.edu) are located throughout North America, providing an morth that the standard some of design, mella arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals.

Recipes by Adreena Winnfield, he Art Institutes Best Teen Chef 1005

ADREENA'S MAC N' CHEESE
3 cups elbow noodles
6 cups sharp and jack cheese
2 cups milk
2 cups evaporated milk
5 eggs
Black pepper
Seasoning salt
Garlic powder to taste
Boil noodles in salted water. Grate
cheeses. In separate mixing boil, mix
eggs with milks, black pepper, salt
and garlic powder. Combine well.
Drain noodles. Place enough noodles to cover the bottom of a 9 x 13
dish that has been buttered or
sprayed with vegetable oil. Sprinkle
one layer of cheese over noodles,
and repeat process until pan is filled.
End with a cheese layer. Pour milk
over noodles until mixture comes just
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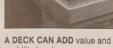
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